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20,000 Prisoners Taken In Tobruk

Editors To Meet Viceroy?

Memorandum On Demand For Freedom Of Press

Support For National Govt. In India

(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW DELHI, Jan. 23.

It is likely that the Standing Committee of Newspaper Editors meeting next week will consider a proposal to lead a deputation to the Viceroy on the question of restrictions imposed on the press. This is due to the feeling in certain quarters that, owing to recent developments, the time has now come to approach the Viceroy with definite proposals. A memorandum which the Central Committee has prepared pointing out the difficulties experienced by the press has, it is understood, based the whole case of the press on need to maintain its independence free from dictation from any quarter.

The anomaly of the present position is seen from the fact that according to official circles themselves the general attitude of the press, so far as war effort is concerned, has been throughout satisfactory. The difference of opinion has been largely on the question as to what can be published as of right by newspapers in connection with the Satyagraha movement in discharge of their duty to the public who expect of newspapers to keep them informed of what is happening in the country.

It is believed that the Central Committee's memorandum has raised the general political question and pointed out how establishment of a National Government in the country would remove the present anomalies experienced by the press in the present difficult situation.

One hopeful feature disclosed by the Central Committee's discussions is that they have been unanimous in their conclusions presented to the Government. Representatives both of Indian and European owned papers have been working together in close agreement.

There is every reason to hope that the coming meeting of the Standing Committee will succeed in maintaining this unity and speak with one voice on the subject of press restrictions and need for a clearer and more liberal policy based on trust and correct understanding.

EMPIRE PURCHASING SUPPLY COMMISSION

SYDNEY, Jan. 23.

Sir Bertram Stevens, former Premier of New South Wales and Mr. A. Mair, present Premier, have been appointed the Commonwealth representatives for the Empire Purchasing Supply Commission to be established in Delhi.—Reuter.

RENEW YOUR [illegible]

"No Turning Back For Me," Says Mahatma

PROSITION OF CONGRESS ORGANISATION

Place Only For Satyagrahis In Committees: No Vacancy To Be Filled In

Instructions have been issued to Provincial Congress Committees that if every Congressman occupying a representative position in the Congress organisation does not offer 'satyagraha' he should vacate his office. Such vacancies should not be filled up.

SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES

The Provincial Congress Committees have also been instructed to abolish subordinate Congress Committees if, by so doing, friction is avoidable and business transacted more smoothly. But the policy to be adopted must apply throughout the Province.

NO WASTE IN NON-VIOLENCE

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23.

In reply to a letter addressed to him by a local journalist questioning the efficacy of non-violence in the establishment of peace in a materialistic world, Mahatma Gandhi says:—

"Non-violence is an active force. Do you not realise that when non-violence reigns, materialism takes the back seat, avenues are changed; and in a non-violent war there is no waste of efforts, property or the moral fibre?"—United Press.

DIRECTIONS TO SATYAGRAHIS

Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress in the course of a communique issued to Provincial Congress Committees says:—

Certain questions arising out of the conduct of the Satyagraha movement have been referred to me for clarification.

It must be clearly understood that the present movement is likely to be a prolonged one. Gandhiji has declared: "For me there is no turning back." It is, therefore, of the first importance that in selecting Satyagrahis attention should be paid more to quality than quantity. We must make sure of our material. Care should, therefore, be taken to see that every intending Satyagrahi fulfils the conditions laid down by Gandhiji. If any of the conditions laid down is in the pledge is not fulfilled the applicant must be rejected.

The resister has either to rely upon his own private resources for his food etc. or accept what villagers may provide him with.

PROVINCIAL ORGANISATIONS

The Working Committee had contemplated no successor to the President in case of his arrest. None was needed because the struggle is under Gandhiji's sole guidance. In the case of Provincial Presidents, it will not be possible henceforward to have any elections. Whoever is in charge of the province now may recommend to Gandhiji the name or names of those who would in his opinion be able to help him (Gandhiji) in continuing the struggle in the province. Nobody can be in charge of a province if his name is not approved by Gandhiji. If approval has not been obtained before hand it must be obtained immediately after assumption of duties.

Congress Committees can either function for Satyagraha or for the constructive programme. In both cases they must function under Gandhiji's advice and directions. They can function in no other way. No vacancies caused by jail going or otherwise need, therefore, be filled. If a Congressman occupying a representative position in a Congress organisation does not offer himself for a Satyagraha he should vacate his office and in terms of Gandhiji's instructions such vacancy shall not be filled.

In the case of Congress Committees subordinate to the P.C.C.s. the latter or its acting President may abolish them if by so doing, friction is avoided and business transacted more smoothly. The policy to be adopted must apply throughout the province.

As long as Gandhiji is in our midst he must be referred to. In all important matters. All doubts must also be referred to him. As the A. I. C. C. Camp Office is functioning at present from Sevagram, it would save him unnecessary trouble if all the references are made through that office. The office is in constant and daily touch with him.

After Gandhiji's arrest, if it comes, he has declared that he is to appoint no successor and every Congressman "will be under the discipline of his or her own conscience."

Gandhiji and the A. I. C. C. Office have been receiving applications for permission to offer Satyagraha, direct. No such application can be entertained except through the provincial authority so long as any is in existence. If any application for Satyagraha is rejected the applicant must be immediately informed along with the reasons for rejection, if any.

Recently there have been complaints about the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Thyssen Handed Over To Nazis

LONDON, Jan. 23.

The financier and industrialist, Fritz Thyssen who helped Herr Hitler to power and afterwards quarrelled and fled from Germany, has been handed over to the Gestapo by the French police, according to the "Daily Express". With his wife he was taken from his hotel at Cannes on December 20 and was motored to the frontier and handed over to the German police.—Reuter.

PROVISIONAL PARLIAMENT FOR FRANCE

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A French "[illegible]" [illegible] ment "will be constituted within the next 48 hours, states the official German News Agency.—Reuter.

VICHY IS STILL VAGUE

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes:—"News from Vichy appears to indicate that the situation there has not developed as the Germans hoped and expected. Although Marshal Petain has been officially reconciled to M. Laval, M. Laval has not yet been reinstated in the Cabinet and the German controlled Paris press is getting impatient and very annoyed and is asking why M. Petain hesitates. There is no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of M. Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

Admiral Leahy's interviews with Marshal Petain can have left no doubt as to the significance of American aid for Democracy."—Reuter.

IN DEFENCE OF INDIA'S PRESTIGE

Abdul Ghaffar Khan On Why Congress Was At War With Govt.

BANNU, Jan. 23.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan addressed a public meeting here this evening under the presidentship of Sardar Ram Singh in the park outside Parade Gate. He declared that the Congress was at war with Government in Defence of India's prestige. The Congress Ministries resigned because India was not consulted when the British Government declared war against Germany.

Khan Amir Mohd. Khan, ex-Parliamentary Secretary offered Satyagraha by delivering anti-war speech and raising slogans.—A.P.

EUROPEAN NATIONS' EXAMPLE

PESHAWAR, Jan. 23.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has finished his tour of the settled Wazir area of the Bannu District after addressing nearly a score of meetings.

Speaking at Naisam Bazar, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan dwelt on the growth of the Khudai Khidmatgar organisation and the part played by it towards the reformation of the Pathan society. He deplored that both the people and the Government had failed to understand the real significance of the movement and treated it indifferently. "I have now once again endeavoured to set our affairs in order and I am hopeful that my mission will succeed. I cannot however fulfil this task alone. In the work of reconstruction and reorganisation your help is needed".

EUROPEAN [illegible] FOR [illegible]

Referring to the European war Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan said "these mighty nations are fighting for the [illegible] of their honour and [illegible] and are yielding everything for the safety of a civilisation they have evolved through centuries. Let us learn a lesson from them and be prepared a [illegible] of [illegible]."

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ITALY ADMITS FALL OF LIBYAN BASE

Commanders, Generals, Staff Officers And Admiral Among Prisoners

BALANCE-SHEET IN WESTERN DESERT: A PAUSE BEFORE NEXT STEP

LONDON, January 23.

"This has been a black week for Italians in North Africa. Not only was the capture of Tobruk with over 14,000 prisoners completed last night, but also Italian forces continued their steady withdrawal in Abyssinia and Eritrea", says Reuter's Special Correspondent at the British G. H. Q. at Cairo.

AMONG PRISONERS

With Tobruk, the Italians have lost the Headquarters of the Twenty-second Army Corps while a Corps Commander, a Divisional Commander, two other Generals, an Admiral and a number of senior Army and Naval Staff Officers were captured, a large number of guns were taken, including one piece of heavy artillery and quantities of other military material.

Inside Abyssinia

They have now handed over to a new Patriot Army virtually the whole vast area west of [illegible] between [illegible] place too hot [illegible] more Italian positions [illegible] Oasis are already becoming [illegible] of food and water and [illegible] situation is unenviable.

Pause Before Next Move

Tobruk itself is the first Italian town which the Imperial troops have captured with civilian population. Normally it totals about 10,000 but apparently the Italians evacuated the majority of the Europeans, leaving the Arabs.

Regarding future operations it appears extremely likely that their will be a pause for breathing space following the spectacular advance of the British forces covering over 200 miles in some six weeks.

BALANCE-SHEET ON WESTERN DESERT

Summing up the results of the Western Desert campaign to date authoritative quarters in London today showed how Italian losses had progressively increased as the tempo of the campaign developed. Since December 9 the Italians had lost eleven divisions in the Western Desert campaign. These were either captured, destroyed or disintegrated. One-hundred-thousand prisoners had fallen into the hands of British forces.

During the fall of Tobruk on 22nd an Italian army corps together with its General and the General Commanding Tobruk's fixed defences were taken prisoner. Of the eleven divisions captured by the British, nine had been taken prior to the investment of Tobruk, hence two divisions were taken when that stronghold fell.

This, however, does not take account of base troops or ancillary services, which suggests the probability that the total of Tobruk prisoners will be much larger than two divisions.

It will be recalled that when the final count of the captives of Bardia was made, the total was much larger than the figure first given. British casualties in this action were light. There may be one or two pockets of resistance still holding out in Tobruk, but all Tobruk defences fell at mid-day yesterday.

SERIOUS BLOW

The loss of Tobruk is an extremely serious blow to the Italians [illegible]

20,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN TOBRUK

TOBRUK, Jan. 23.

The total number of Italian prisoners taken here is now estimated at 20,000. This includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, 1,500 members of the naval garrison, 700 members of the crew of the Italian cruiser 'Sangiorgio', military police and civilian officials and hundreds of technicians.—Reuter.

[illegible] defence lines of [illegible] of the best [illegible] and will render [illegible] obstinate opposition possible.

[illegible] is pointed out in [illegible] London circles that [illegible] plenty of time to [illegible] and [illegible] "Giorgio" [illegible] stating [illegible] were [illegible] nature. [illegible] town was captured. [illegible] including [illegible] large liner, were found burning in the harbour.

R. A. F. ATTACKS DERNA

CAIRO:—Derna in Libya was heavily raided several times by the R.A.F. during the night of January 20, says a 'communique' from the R.A.F.'s headquarters in the Middle East to-day. Several tons of bombs were dropped on barracks and other military targets causing large fires and explosions which increased as the intensity of the attacks developed. The fires were visible 80 miles away.

CONTINUOUS PATROL.

Raids were also made on Wednesday on barracks at Apollonia. One British bomber failed to return from repeated sorties on Tobruk on January 21. Throughout yesterday. R.A.F. fighters maintained continuous patrol covering the army's advance. One enemy fighter monoplane was shot down at Sidi Mgherreb, 26 miles west of Tobruk and one British Aircraft was lost.

IN ALBANIA.

In Albania, military buildings at Berati were damaged and motor transport concentrations on the road between Berati and Kelcyre were also attacked. Enemy fighters attempted to intercept the British bombers. but R.A.F. planes were not injured.

MARITZA BOMBED.

During a night attack on Maritza in Rhodes many bombs were dropped on the aerodrome causing fires among military buildings.

Further raids were made on Adad and Assab in Italian East Africa, and all British aircraft returned safely from these operations.

ON KASSALA FRONT

Imperial troops are in contact with Italian forces that withdrew from Kassala area and which are now holding a defensive position [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] continue to [illegible]

[illegible] it says that pressure on the enemy east of Metemma is being maintained.

Kenya report is that offensive activities by Imperial patrols continue.—Reuter.

(Fall of Tobruk: See page 10.)

Shanghai Outrage

Municipal Chairman And Councillors Shot At By Japanese

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23.

At an extraordinary meeting of Shanghai rate-payers called to discuss the Municipality's increased taxation Mr. W. F. Keswick, a British subject and Chairman of the Municipality, was shot at, but not seriously wounded.

The assailant is alleged to be Y. Hayashi, President of Japanese Rate-payers' Association, who has been arrested. The shooting occurred after an amendment by Hayashi had been defeated.

Two Japanese Councillors were also shot at, but were only slightly injured and W. J. Carney, an American Councillor, was slightly injured when some Japanese threw a dozen chairs on to the platform, where the Councillors were seated.—Reuter.

Air Raid Alarm Exercise On Tuesday Next

The Government of Bombay intends to continue the series of air raid alarm exercises. The seventh exercise will take place at 3 p.m. on Tuesday January 28 and will cover the island of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District.

ROME ADMITS FALL OF TOBRUK

ROME, Jan. 23.

AN ITALIAN [illegible] STATES THAT [illegible] TROOPS HAVE [illegible] TOBRUK.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

VICHY MEDIATION IN FAR EAST DISPUTE

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Vichy Government has accepted in principle the offer by Japan to mediate in Thailand-French Indo-China dispute, according to Tokyo Radio. The announcer added that the French Ambassador in Tokyo had authorised Japanese Government to hold discussions with Thai Government.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH AND AID TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

Col. Lindbergh expressed the view that even a combination of the United States and Britain could not win the war "on the present basis". He did not believe that anything short of war by the United States would win the war unless there was collapse behind the lines. He believed that American peoples' stand in favour of Aiding the British was "a mistake."—Reuter.

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Jan. 23.

General Antonescu has proclaimed military dictatorship in Rumania, according to the Yugoslav newspaper "Vereme".

Yugoslav reports quoted by Budapest Radio state that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation but it is added that the Rumanian radio has warned people against staying in the streets as "disarming of detachments offering resistance [illegible]"—[illegible]

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T. SINCLAIR KENNEDY,
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Bombay, 23rd January, 1941.
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Legal Notices

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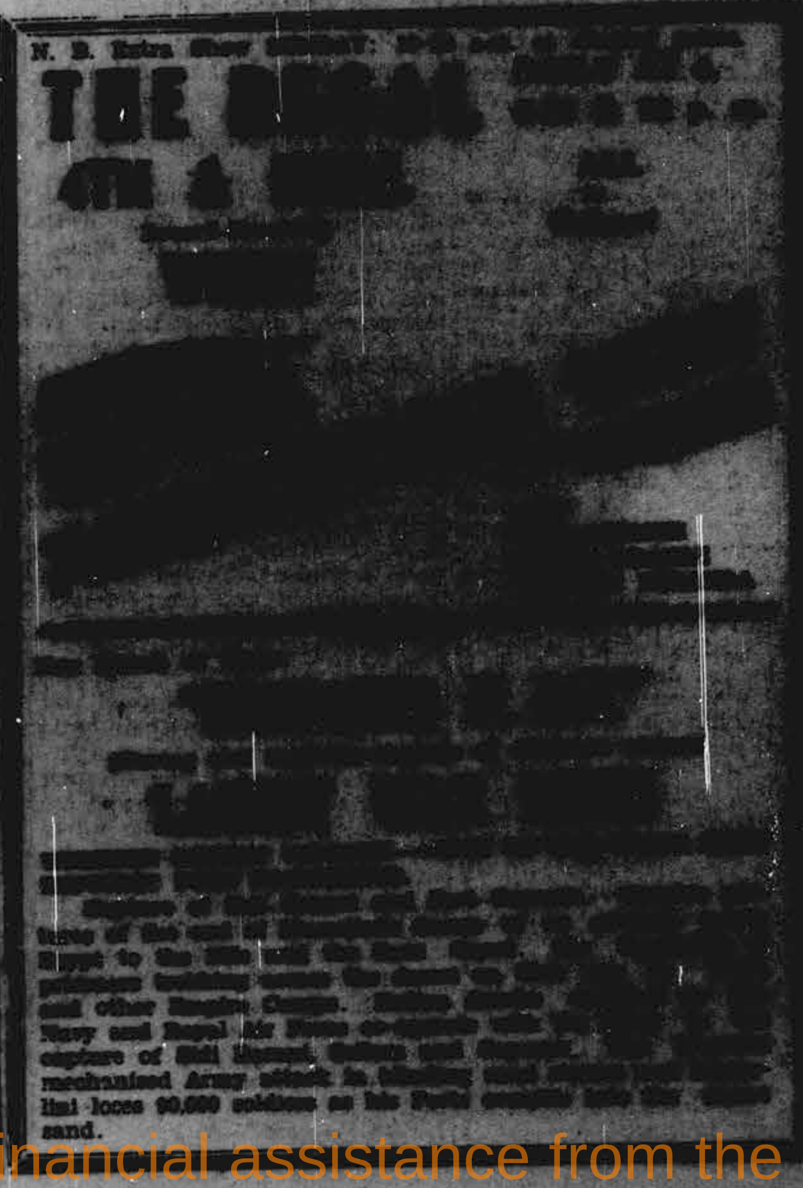
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DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST CITY EDITOR

Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, directed the notice issued against Messrs. P. K. Atre, editor of "Navayug" and P. R. Gadgil, Datta Bandekar, and S. Y. Vaidya, to be converted into summons.

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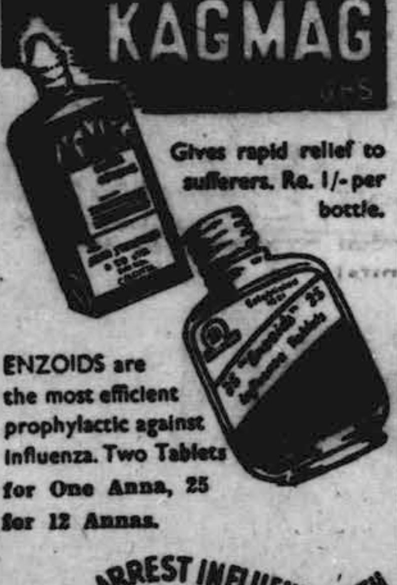

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Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Ramzan Khan. 5-20 Haider Husain. 5-30 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 5-45 Master Mumtaz and party. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 Abdush Shakur. 6-30 Mashhur Katbe. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 Radhabai. 8 Ghulam Fareed. 8-20 It has happened. 8-25 Bhajan Lal. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Master Mumtaz and party. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Ramzan Khan. 9-55 Abdush Shakur. 10-5 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 10-25 Ghulam Fareed and Radhabai. 10-45 News in English.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Jaunpuri on Sitar. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Yoga on the air. 8-32 Kanandevi. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Bismil Qawwal and party. 9-15 Jaltarang and flute. 9-25 Tans in Todi. 9-35 A. Navsariwala. 9-50 Khayal in Bhairaon. 12-30 p.m. Naats. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Film music. 1-10 Geets. 1-20 Mutual understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-15 Musical prelude. 4-20 Science. 4-35 Flute recital. 4-40 Music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 V. S. Khadilkar. 5-15 Naat. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Ditties in duets. 5-45 Bismil Qawwal and party. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 V. S. Khadilkar. 6-20 Air Trio. 6-30 Children's half-hour. 7 Marathas during the last war. 7-15 Kannada song. 7-25 Talk of the town. 7-30 Bismil Qawwal and party. 7-45 Violin duets. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Sound-news. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Sadhuni Shodhma. 10-25 Bismil Qawwal and party. 10-35 Air Quartet.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Teen Thumrian. 8-15 Sarangi recital. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Master Ratnakant. 9 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Janardanacharyulu. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-35 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

4-15 to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Ek rag. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Ramkrishnabuwa Vaze. 6-30 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Ramkrishnabuwa Vaze. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Song in Bageshri. 9-10 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9-20 Tarana in Malkauns. 9-30 Melody Trio. 10 Hazel David. 10-10 Melody Trio. 10-35 Harry Potter.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 Nirmal Ghose. 6 News in English. 6-5 'Girls and boys come out to play.' 6-40 "Tulsidas". 8-40 Announcements in Bengali. 8-45 News in Bengali. 9 Sachin Dev Burman. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Sachin Dev Burman. 10-15 Nalini Kanta Sarkar.

B. B. C. Programme

(4-12 to 10-5 a.m. 25.38, 25.53 and 31.32 metres; 4-10 p.m. 13.93, and 16.86 m.; from 7-30 to midnight 19.82, 25.53 and 31.55 m.)

16-30 News. 16-45 Questions of Hour by O. Stewart. 17-00 Debroy Somers' Dance Band. 17-30 Same as on Tuesday 06-15. 17-45 French songs: Betty Bannerman, mezzo-soprano. 18-00 Theatreland. 18-30 News. 19-00 Books and People: Talk by W. De La Mare. 19-30 See 17.00; Hindustani programme on GSG and GSF. 20-00 Same as on Wednesday 07-45. 20-30 World Affairs: Talk by W. Steed. 20-45 Same as on Tuesday 22-30. 21-15 Same as on Tuesday 14.45. 21-30 News. 21-45 Questions of Hour by O. Stewart.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. A.M.	Dep. A.M.
Madras Mail	6-0	[illegible]
Peshawar Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	[illegible]	[illegible]
Calcutta Mail via Allahabad	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madras Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Poona Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]
Punjab Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nagpur Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Poona Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allahabad Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Poona Fast Passenger	[illegible]	[illegible]

B. B. and C. I. Railway.
(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central)

[illegible]

Sharp Rally In New York Cotton Prices

SCARCITY OF CONTRACTS ON SUBSIDENCE OF BOMBAY LIQUIDATION

Distant Months Firm

BOMBAY, Jan. 23.

A Liverpool firm favours of purchases of Broach cotton against sales of March at Liverpool. This shows that Indian cotton is very attractive and those who sell short in Bombay are running greater risks.

The heavy selling by Bombay operators on Tuesday to have any lasting effect on Wednesday prices rallied on active general buying. The New York cotton market seems well liquidated.

Bombay: Jan. 23.

The recovery in New York cotton prices on Wednesday points out underlying strength. Large sales of cloth are encouraging persistent mill price fixing and there was scarcity of contracts reflecting subsidence of Bombay liquidation.

The New York cotton market is well liquidated and the Washington administration is determined to maintain higher cotton prices and to achieve this aim have decided to reduce the cotton crop next year and those cotton growers who voluntarily co-operate are to be given free stamps to buy their needs of cloth. Whatever may be the outcome of this proposal but it goes to prove the underlying motives and we look for higher prices eventually.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady. There was mill price fixing in near months and local as well as [illegible] buying on continued activity in cotton goods and firmness of the March market with offerings limited to evening-up hedging against [illegible] of late cotton together with scattered profit-taking. Distant months were firm on active general buying.

At the opening March was unchanged at 10.32, which was the lowest level. There was active buying and with scarcity of offerings March advanced to 10.41, which was the highest level. Near months closed 7 to 9 pts up and distants gained 12 pts. Spot cotton prices were raised 12 pts at 10.60c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly firm and closed at a rise of 6 to 19 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 9 pts at 10.14c per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of one point with March 8.25. The market was listless but steady with hedging and some buying of names against sales of distants. Long liquidation exceeded trade calling. The session closed unchanged to one point down. Middling American spot cotton prices declined 4 pts at 8.63d per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton ring was quiet but steady with a limited business. Uppers closed 2 pts down to one point lower and Giza futures closed one point down to 2 pts higher.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 10.41+09 (3-25 p.m.); lowest 10.32 (10 a.m.)

Liverpool March highest 8.25+02; lowest 8.24—[illegible].

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign [illegible]:—

Liverpool.—[illegible] March [illegible] [illegible]

Messrs. [illegible] and Co. [illegible] the following cable from [illegible]:

[illegible]

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: Jan. 22.

March	10.39+07
May	[illegible]+09
July	[illegible]+12
October	[illegible]+18
December	[illegible]+18
January	9.74+18
Middling Spot	10.60+12

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New Orleans: Jan. 22.

March	10.44+06
May	10.47+06
July	10.27+12
October	9.91+19
December	9.85+19
Middling Spot	10.14+09

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: Jan. 22.

	10-55 a.m. Range.	Noon Call
March	10.30	10.35
May	10.38	10.39
July	10.25	10.26

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York: Jan. 22.

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	6,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	Nil.
Day's exports to the Continent	Nil.
Day's exports to China and Japan	Nil.

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool: Jan. 22.

January	8.18
March	8.26
May	9.28
July	8.27
October	8.16—01
Middling Spot	8.63—06

11 a.m. QUOTATIONS

March	8.25

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: Jan. 23.

The market opened higher in response to steadier foreign advices and an improved tone in the local cotton market but later ruled dull with narrow movements. [illegible] Rs. 10 higher at 1969 [illegible] between 1949 and 1959 [illegible] 1678/8. Likewise, the [illegible] tar at 386 and [illegible] 360 and 356 and [illegible] bay Dyeings improved [illegible] Indian Irons were [illegible] at [illegible].

The following were the [illegible] quotations on the [illegible]:—

Tata [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

CAPITAL:—

[illegible]

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:—

Government Securities [illegible]

Other Authorised Investments [illegible]

ADVANCES:—

[illegible]

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: Jan. 23.

Following [illegible] New York cotton [illegible] delivery [illegible] opened steady at Rs. [illegible] At this [illegible]

[illegible]

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Jan. 23.

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 98-8
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-4
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 89-8
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 83-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-1
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-8
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-8
3 per cent War Bonds 1946 101-2
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 113

TAX FREE LOANS.

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-5
4 per cent 1955/60 Mysore 114-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 126

CORPORATION DEBENTURES.

4 per cent B P T 1970 109
4 per cent [illegible] Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent [illegible] Deb 1950 116
6 per cent [illegible] 1950 127
6 per cent K P T 1950 127

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: Jan. 23.

LONDON:—
B. G. RATES:—
T T B D 1/6 [illegible] to 22nd July
Bank's selling T T D D 1/6 [illegible] to 22nd July.
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 22nd July
Bank's buying [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Bank's selling [illegible]
Bank's buying [illegible]
Bank's buying [illegible]
Bank's buying [illegible]
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T [illegible]
Bank's buying T T [illegible]
Bank's buying 30 days [illegible]
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D [illegible]
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D [illegible] 3/4
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 21 1/4
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D [illegible] 3/4
CROSS RATES:—
Hongkong/London 1/3 1/32 22nd inst.
Shanghai/London 0/3 19/32 22nd inst.
New York/London 4.03 1/2 22nd inst.
London/Java 7.56/62 22nd inst.
London/New York 4.03 1/2-3 1/2 22nd inst.
London/Switzerland 17.30/[illegible] 22nd inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 22nd inst.
London/Japan 1/2 1/2 22nd inst.
London/Canada 4.45/47 22nd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet near. Steady forward.
Gold £8/8/0 22nd inst.
Silver London Ready 23 3/16 22nd inst.
Silver London Forward 23 1/8 22nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 21st inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 22nd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 22nd inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money Call:—Small enquiry.
2 months 1/2 per cent.
6 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Very easy.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London: Jan. 22.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS—	£
3 per cent	85 5/8
3 1/2 per cent	96 5/8
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	101 3/4
4 per cent 1948/53	105 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	109 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	100 5/8
Indian Sterling Loans—	£
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	[illegible]
5 per cent 1942/47	[illegible]
3 per cent 1949/52	[illegible]
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	77 [illegible]
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	[illegible]

[illegible]

Linseed May	[illegible]
Wheat January	[illegible]
Wheat May	[illegible]

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: Jan. 23.

Yellow metal sheet	Rs. 65/0
[illegible]	Rs. 78/0

Tone—Very steady.

[illegible]

Share Bazar Rules Steady

EARLY RISE MEETS PROFIT-TAKING

Steels And Textiles Register Small Gains

Bombay: Jan. 23.

The local Share Bazar was very steady with a limited business and while the market is acting cautiously, there seems moderate investment support as the industrial outlook favours higher prices.

There is some fear of increase in taxation in the next Budget and buyers are awaiting developments. However, the cost of living is going up and quotations of daily requirements have gone up by 50 per cent during the last few weeks for manufactured goods but commodity prices are low. This shows disparity and with low commodity prices it will be idle to expect any material increase in taxation. The prosperity and well-being of the economic structure entirely depends upon the level of commodity prices. Thus there is limit to taxation and if increased will have a direct effect on the purchasing capacity of masses.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: Jan. 23.

[illegible]

Majority of stocks in the [illegible] functionally higher on [illegible] Service and the [illegible] developments in [illegible] news from Europe and [illegible] Steel shares advanced [illegible] Anaconda Copper Mining shares gained [illegible] at 26 dollars.

On the local Exchange price movements were again narrow with restricted trading. Tata Steel Deferred opened at Rs. 1969 and improved to Rs. 1980 on scattered buying but later prices receded to Rs. 1971/8 on small realising. Ordinary shares fluctuated between Rs. 360 and Rs. 355. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1600 and after advancing to Rs. 1620 receded to the opening level. The market is impressed by the Textile activity and there is general desire to buy on all setbacks.

Towards the close there was scattered realising and Tata Steel Deferred were quoted at Rs. 1971 and Ordinary shares were steady at Rs. 356. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1601/4 and Associated Cements stood at Rs. 13[illegible].

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Jan. 23.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	325	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1600	0
100	CENTURY	[illegible]	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	291	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	120	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	42	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	148	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

100	MORARJI	300	0
250	Model	75	0
50	MYSORE	122	0
200	NEW GREAT	400	0
100	Osmanshahi	48	0
100	Phoenix	[illegible]	0
25	Sassoon Silk	[illegible]	0
1000	Sholapur	[illegible]	0
50	SIMPLEX	[illegible]	0
100	SWADESHI	[illegible]	0
100	SWAN	157	0
500	Vishnu	[illegible]	0
1000	Western	[illegible]	0
BANKS			
50-100	BARODA	106	12
25-50	CENTRAL	48	12
500	IMPERIAL	1570	0
125-500	Imp. Contrys.	384	0
50-100	India	142	0
100	RESERVE BANK	105	4
5	UNION	6	11
CEMENTS			
100	ASSOCIATED X.D.	134	12
INSURANCE			
100	Empire	685	0
15-100	JUPITER	13	4
20	Mercantile	[illegible]	0
15-75	NEW INDIA	41	12
100	Oriental	[illegible]	0
10-20	Vulcan	6	0
ELECTRIC			
100	AHMD. OLD	172	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	[illegible]	0
10	AJMER	11 11	0
50	BOMBAY TRAM	[illegible]	4
100	Bombay Suburban	[illegible]	4
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	TATA HYDRO	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	TATA POWER	[illegible]	[illegible]
RAILWAYS			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MISCELLANEOUS			
100	ACC	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Air Service	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	BELAPUR SUGAR	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	BOMBAY STEAM	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	B. BURMA	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	[illegible]	[illegible]
100	IND. BLEACHING	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Ind. Investment Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
100	Ind. Radio Def.	[illegible]	[illegible]
100	Indian Radio Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	PREMIER CON.	[illegible]	[illegible]
15	SCINDIA	[illegible]	[illegible]
25	Tata Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
PREFERENCE			
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	[illegible]	0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	[illegible]	0
7	p.c. Bom. Tram (T.F.)	77	0
5	p.c. Cent. India (T.F.)	[illegible]	0
6 1/4	p.c. Poona Const. 1st	117	0
6 1/4	p.c. Poona Const. 2nd	110	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	[illegible]	0
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power	[illegible]	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	[illegible]	0
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	[illegible]	0
7	p.c. Vishnu	[illegible]	0
DEBENTURES			
3 3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	[illegible]	0
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	[illegible]	0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	[illegible]	0
5	p.c. Sholapur	70	0
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	101	0

[illegible] QUIET

[illegible]

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay: Jan. 23.

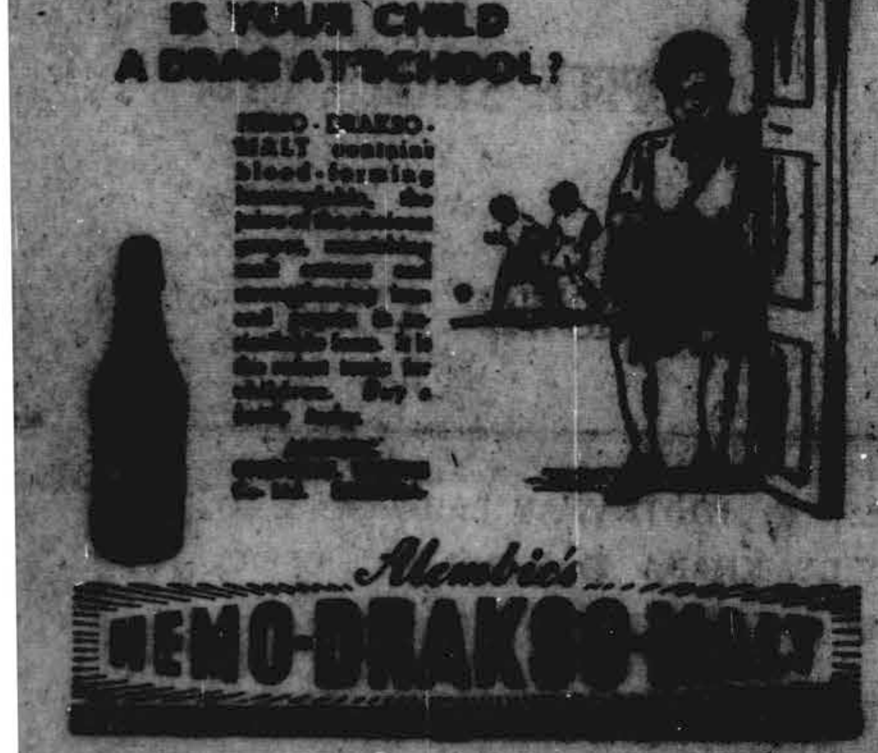
Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at 168/0d. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.03 7/8 to 4.03 1/8 at London and 4.03 1/8 at New York.

London spot silver was unchanged at [illegible] and forward quotation was also unchanged at [illegible]

[illegible]

IS YOUR CHILD A DRAG AT SCHOOL?

HEMO-DRAKSO-MALT contains blood-forming [illegible] the juice of [illegible] grapes, [illegible] It is the safest tonic for children. Buy a bottle today.



NEW YORK COTTON TWO POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICE:

MARCH 1941

New York, Jan 23

Previous closing	10.39
To-day's opening	10.41
Difference	+.02
To-day's closing	10.41
Difference	+.02

BROACH EXPECTATION

April/May	Rs. 189-0
July/August	Rs. 194-8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1941

Liverpool, Jan 23

Previous closing	8.26
To-day's opening	8.29
Difference	+.03
To-day's closing	8.31
Difference	+.05

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan 23

The New York cotton displayed improved sentiment aided by encouraging Bombay cables but the general activity was restricted pending developments in the capital. Trading in March began at 10.41 i.e. 2 points higher. Prices steadied on trade and spot house fixations but the demand soon fell off due to lack of follow-up.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton:—

March (10.32/32) 10.41/41
May (10.35/35) 10.44/44
July. (10.22/22) 10.35/36

The following are opening rates on Liverpool cotton market:—

American January (8.18) 8.24
American March (8.26) 8.33
Egyptian Giza January (11.09) 11.10
Egyptian Giza March (11.06) 11.09

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Jan 23

Castorseeds Jan/Feb unquoted

Linseed Bombay Calcutta January February (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16 quoted

Linseed La Plata February (£11 1/2 quoted) £11 1/2 quoted

Groundnuts Coromandal Jan/Feb (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4 quoted

JUTES

Dundee January (£45) £45
Lightning (£40) £40

RUBBER

Spot (12 3/8d paid and buyers) 12 3/8d paid and buyers

Forward January March (12 7/16d paid and value) 12 3/8d paid and value

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Plantings In Good Demand

Madras, Jan. 23

The local market was fairly active. Government securities were steady. Plantings came in for good demand whilst miscellaneous issues were steady. Transactions reported from 12 noon yesterday to 12 noon today:—

Pringford 6/14; Midlands 5, 5/1, Cottanad ord 4/14; Tropicals 17/8, 17/12; Ayer Manis pref 100/8, do ord 8/14; Periakaramalai 17/10; Rajagiri 6/1; 8/8; Highlands 29/8; Cochin Malabar ord 6/8; 6/9; Poormade 27/4, 27/8; Chambers 3/8; Kalpettas 18; Nelliampathy ord 7/8 small lot; Udayagiri 6/9; Madras Telephone 16/14; 17/4 Smec ord 13/3 lot; 13/2; 13/5; 13/4; do 1st pref 13/2 xd; Cochin Power 8/10; Deccan Sugar 260; Mysore sugar 44 small lot; Mysore Lamps 8/14; 9/2 small lot; Mysore Paper 13/12 small lot; 14; Vanguard Insurance pref 80; Mysore Chemicals 16/10.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Jan 23

Previous closing	4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Jan 23

Previous closing	4.02 1/8 to 4.03 1/8
To-day's opening	4.02 1/8 to 4.03 1/8
To-day's closing	4.02 1/8 to 4.03 1/8

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, Jan 23

T. T. London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London, Jan 23

The following cable was received from London:—

Market quiet and steady.

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan 23

Spot (23 3/16d) 23 3/16d nil
Forward (23 1/8d) 23 1/8d nil

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan 23

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Jan 23

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 80 to 4.03.80 which is officially fixed rate

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.35) 30.35
London on Shanghai (0-3 5/16 to 0-3 5/8) 0-3 1/4 to 0-3 19/32
London on Kobe (1-8 to 1-8 1/2) 1-8 to 1-8 1/9

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay, Jan. 23

There was no trading during the night session.

LONDON METALS

Tin (£256 1/4 buyers; £256 1/2 sellers. Easy)
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

Karachi, Jan. 23.

To-day's closing quotation are:—

Cotton: Sind January 14/3/3; March 14/6/9
Punjab: January 13/6/6; March 13/9/6.
America: January 21/12/0; March 21/8/6. Steady.
Wheat: January 34/12/6; March 33/11/0; July 29/15/9. Steady.
Gram: January 31/4; March 25/15/9.
Toria: February 33/7/6; March 34/6/6.
Cottonseed: January 12/1/3; March 15/12/3 May 16/0/3.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN

London, Jan 23

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 5/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan 23

London Stock Exchange was heavy to-day.

INDIAN LOANS

London, Jan 23

3 per cent Indian stocks (£80 3/4) £80 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks (£109 3/4) £109 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1958/68 (£112 1/4) £112 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stocks 1948/53 (£105 1/4) £105 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stocks 1942/47 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1954/64 (£101 3/4) £101 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1958/68 (£104 3/4) £104 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 1/2) £77 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 1/2) £104 1/2
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 7/8) £98 7/8
4 per cent Funding loan (£113 7/8) £113 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£103 1/2) £103 5/8
New War Loan (£101) £101
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£112 1/8) £112 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12 0) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (36-1 1/2) 36-9
Hydro Electric No dealings.
Electric Music Industry (8-6) 8-0
Princhin Johnson (21-0) 20-9
Imperial Chemicals (30-0) 29-7 1/2
Woolworth New Ordinary (55-0) 55-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Estates 1928 (£45 1/2) £45 1/2
Dundee Rubber (34-0) 33-6
Unilever Ordinary (24-6) 24-6
Ford Motors (17-9) 18-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£85) £85
British American Tobacco Ordinary (98-0) 98-6
Carreras 'A' (£4 1/8) £4 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (100) 100
P and O Def (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2
Distillers (67-6) 67-9
Bradfords Dye (3-9) 3-9
British Celanese (4-0) 4-0
J and P Coates Ordinary (39-6) 39-6
Courtaulds Ordinary (32-6) 32-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-9) 3-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (15-6) 15-3
Inter Nickel Ordinary (dol 40) dol 39 7/8
Indian Iron (47-6) 47-6

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (18-3) 18-3
Doncaro Tea (21-10 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Empire of India (33-0) 33-0

JUTE

Barnagore (£8) £8

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (17-0) 17-0
Gula Kelampong (15-7 1/2) 15-7 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (26-7 1/2) 26-7 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2
Burma Corporation (7-9) 7-9
Rio Tintos (£7) £7
East Rand Properties (44-4 1/2) 43-9
Rand Mines (£6 1/4) £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown (£12 3/4) £12 1/2
Associated Portland Cement (61-3) 60-7 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold (61-3) 61-3
Sub Nigel (£7 3/4) £7 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (23-9) 22-6
Union Corporation (£6 7/8) £6 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (27-6) 27-6
Anglo-India (39-4 1/2) 38-9
Burma Oil (59-4 1/2) 58-9
Mexican Eagle (8-1 1/2) 8-0
Shell Transport (45-7 1/2) 45-0
Royal Dutch No dealings

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£36 1/4) £35 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£14 5/8) £14 3/8
London North Eastern Def (£1 5/8) £1 5/8
London Southern Def (£11 5/8) £11 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent (£117) £117
London Transport 'C' (£34) £34 1/8

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculatives Steadier

Calcutta, Jan. 23

The stock exchange ruled steady and Government securities maintained last position. Speculative issues were inclined to be steadier. Indian Cables in miscellaneous industrials was a good feature upto 21/4. Selected Tea and Cotton shares were wanted.

Government securities: 2 3/4 per cent loan 1947/52 96/11; 3 per cent loan 1941 102/3; 3 per cent loan 1963/65 93/14; 3 per cent G P 91/8 small lot; 3 per cent loan 1951/54 98/6; 3 1/2 per cent G P 94/14; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 107/10 small lot; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 112/5; Reserve Bank 106/8.

Railways: Bukhtiarpur Bihar 85; Darjeeling Himalayan ord 61/8

Cottons: Benares Cotton and Silk 2/8; Cawnpore Textiles 5/14; Elgin Mills 17/10; Kesoram 6/4; New Victoria ord 2/1; do pref 5/5.

Coals: Bhalgora 5/2; Borumbar 18/10; Dhemo Main 14/14; Ghusick and Mussila 4/10; Khas Kajora 9; Parasea 1/2; Pench Valley 33/10; Samla 1/12; Union 32/12 small lots; West Jamuria 30/8.

Jutes: Auckland 166 small lot; Barnagore 99 small lot; Bengal Jute pref 150/8; Birla Pref 124; ex div ct; Dalhousie [illegible]; Empire 23/2; Ganges 236 small lot; Howrah 49/4; Hooghly pref 19/6; [illegible] ord 5/15; do pref 111; India [illegible] small lot; National 20/12; Nuddea 50 small lot; Presidency 4/5; Reliance 58/4; [illegible] ord 6; do pref 10/11 [illegible] 9/4.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 5/4; Indian Copper 2/3; Rhodesia Copper annas 13; Enginin Comm [illegible] 12/5; do pref 169 small lot; Bengal Telephone ord 16/5; do pref 18/1; Patna Rice 17; Shahjahanpur Rice 5/4; Arthur Butler 11/3; Burn and Co 6 per cent pref 146 ex div; do ord 303/8 small lot; Indian Steel and Wire Products [illegible] 39/14; [illegible] Iron 30/8; [illegible] ord 4/6; do pref 107/8; National Iron and Steel 7/8; [illegible] Steel Corpn 18/5; do pref 114/8; [illegible] 178/8 ct; Indian Cables 21/3; [illegible] and Co ord 5/12; do [illegible] Publicity Society 6/8; Rohtas Industries pref 144; B B Petrol 3/8; Gopal Paper 9/14; do pref 163; Midnapore Zemindary 71/12.

Teas: Baghmari Tea 5/4; Batjan 25/4.

Debentures: 5 1/4 per cent 1960/50 Calcutta Municipal 12/8 small lot; 3 1/4 per cent 1986/85 Howrah Bridge 98/4.—A.P.

Snow Dislocates Traffic

Peshawar, Jan. 23

Dislocation of traffic on all highways in northern Afghanistan owing to heavy snowfall in that region, is reported from Kabul.

The Afghan Government has despatched a number of officials of the Public Works Department from Kabul to supervise the snow-clearing operations which are proceeding briskly. It is hoped that traffic will be restored before long.—A.P.

LIGHT SHOWERS IN N. W. F. P.

Poona, Jan. 23

A few light showers have occurred in North-West Frontier, North Punjab and Sind; Punjab [illegible].

Forecast until the 24th evening: [illegible] Punjab Hills and local in North-West Frontier Province, plains of the Punjab and West United Provinces hills. A few light showers in West Rajputana plains and West United Provinces and Assam.

Temperatures will fall in North-West Frontier, Sind, West Rajputana and West Punjab.—A.P.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Jan. 23.

410 pkgs machinery and parts, 40 c/s sewing frames, 149 bdls [illegible], 75 cases pressure push cycle outer covers, 1050 boxes m/car outer covers, tubes, flat and [illegible], 32 c/s film, 169 [illegible] railway wagon buffers, 25 bls cotton [illegible], 829 c/s stout, 189 [illegible], [illegible] bags broken tiles, 60 c/s bath bricks, 1569 bags rose nails, 300 drums solid caustic soda, 369 [illegible] lithophone, 60 c/s biscuits, 120 pcs C I [illegible], 58 c/s wines, 89 [illegible] bicarbonate of ammonia, 100 c/s whisky, 400 bdls finished cycle rims, 50 c/s [illegible] liniment, 100 c/s beer, 1550 bags bicarbonate of soda, [illegible] cycle covers, [illegible] heavy [illegible] leather cloth, [illegible] [illegible]

87 bags almond kernel [illegible]; 300 bls raw cotton [illegible] bags linseed B [illegible]; [illegible] ton Anderson Clayton and Co; [illegible] cotton Japan Cts Trading Co Ltd; [illegible] raw cotton Volkart Bros; [illegible] raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; [illegible] cake expeller Raja Oil Mills; [illegible] nut oil cake expeller Ahmed [illegible]; 2800 bags grdnut oil cake [illegible] fus and Co; 5880 bags grdnut oil cake expeller The Hindustan Vanaspati Mfg Co Ltd; 1400 bags grdnut oil cake expeller F H Kassam; 1100 bls raw cotton G K Kaisha Ltd; 1937 bags grdnut oil cake expeller H Mantri and Co; 1920 bags grdnut oil cake expeller Purshotamdas Popatlal and Co; 6400 bags grdnut oil cake expeller Indo-Foreign Comm Corptn; 3186 bags grdnut oil cake expeller Habib Rawji and Co; 2555 bags grdnut oil cake expeller The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd; 500 bls raw cotton Kotak and Co; 300 bls raw cotton S R Tulshan and Co Ltd; 200 bls raw cotton Nissho Co Ltd; 1500 tons pig iron The Indian Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 800 tons pig iron Tata Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 800 bls raw cotton Cotton Export and Import Ltd; 1631 bags bone sinews B Ardeshir and Co.

Tax On Trades And Professions In City

Corporation Classes Editors With Palmists And Fortune-tellers!

The report of the Retrenchment and Reforms Enquiry Committee of the Municipal Corporation regarding the question of levying a tax on trading and professions in Bombay city was the topic of discussion in the Municipal Corporation on Thursday.

It is proposed to tax professions and trades which will bring to the Municipal exchequer about Rs. 6 lakhs a year. The trades and professions have been classified in eight categories, such as companies, associations, firms, dealers in [illegible], dealers in ammunitions, [illegible] of pottery, chemicals, [illegible] fire works, aerated waters, [illegible] industries, [illegible] contractors, and [illegible] etc. [illegible] would be [illegible] per annum, vendors [illegible] would be [illegible]

[illegible] vote.

BUDGET [illegible]

At an earlier stage [illegible] 1941-42 was discussed. Mr. [illegible] man Darvesh requested that the Government did not contribute their share towards the primary education in the city. He also protested against the 10 per cent. on Property Tax. He appealed to do away with the Encroachment system and to increase the hawkers' licences.

Mr. R. S. [illegible] pleaded for more amenities for the working classes and better water supply in the north part of the city.

Mr. Jamnadas [illegible] urged the House to restore the grant of milk to the school children which was cut down from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 80 only and to municipalise the public utility companies.

Mr. M. O. H. Patel requested the Municipal Executive to be more vigilant in matters of expenditure.

Mrs. Jayashri Raiji, Chairman, Schools Committee, urged the House to restore the cut of Rs. 2,48,000 made by the Standing Committee in the grant of the Schools Committee.

Mr. Mulchand G. Kapadia also requested the Municipal Executive to see that the establishment expenditure was cut down to a minimum. He did not see why the Government should not give back to the Municipality the [illegible] Duty and requested the House to send to the Government [illegible] to restore some of the [illegible] taken away by the Government.

At this stage the House was adjourned till 3-30 p.m. to-day.

[illegible]

Lady [illegible] attended a [illegible] of the [illegible] the War Gifts Fund.

Government House Warplane Ball

WILL BE HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

On Thursday, 30th January, 1941, From 10 P. M. To 3 A. M.

THERE WILL BE NO EXPENSES WHATEVER IN ORGANIZING THE BALL—EVERY [illegible] ON ADMISSION, SIDE SHOWS, ETC. WILL GO DIRECT TO BUY WARPLANES

Attractions

KEN MAC & HIS BAND
WITH BERYL TEMPLEMAN.

★

SIT-DOWN SUPPER
BY THE TAJ MAHAL HOTEL.

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FULL CABARET SHOW

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5 PRIZES FOR LUCKY ADMISSION TICKET NUMBERS AND
5 PRIZES FOR LUCKY PROGRAMMES.

HERE'S the biggest event of the Bombay Season, the climax of a round of entertainment organised to swell the Bombay War Fund.

There will be dancing in the Durbar Hall and the State Dining and Drawing Rooms to music by Ken Mac's Band; a sit-down Supper with full Cabaret; and five Attractive Prizes for holders of lucky number tickets selected by Lady Lumley.

The Ball is open to everyone willing to buy a ticket at Rs. 20/-, towards Warplanes. No tails or boiled shirts; everything informal for a grand night's entertainment.

Come Along and Help Buy Warplanes for the R. A. F.!

And Side Shows

MIDNIGHT AUCTION FOR 3 THOROUGHBRED THREE-YEAR-OLD RACE HORSES, WHICH WILL BE ON THE STAGE

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COFFEE STALLS, ETC.

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FLOWER STALL

TICKETS

which are limited in number, can be bought from—THE MILITARY SECRETARY, Government House ● [illegible] ● WHITEAWAY LAIDLAW & CO. ● ROSE & CO. ● TAJ MAHAL HOTEL ● MAJESTIC HOTEL ● [illegible] ● [illegible] ● B.W.I.T.C. OFFICE ● CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA ● THE LADIES COMMITTEE BOMBAY WAR [illegible] ● [illegible] ● [illegible] ● W. I. A. A.

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Bombay & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Posh Vad 12, 1997
Muslim: Zilhaj 25, 1359
Parsi: Amerdad 22, 1310
Hightide: 9-08, 22-36
Lowtide: 3-42, 15-34
Sunrise: 7h. 15m.
Sunset: 6h. 28m.
Municipal Corporation, 2-30 p.m. (B.T.).

CITY FATHERS' ROUNDS

The Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 8, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), at the Junction of Charni Road and Grant Road (Railway Hotel) and go round with them in the Ward.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Pandita Khamabai Rao will deliver a lecture on "The propaganda of Sanskrit Literature" at the Wagale Hall, Kandewadi, Girgaon to-day (Friday) at 7 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

A public study class on "Individuality and Personality" from the Key to Theosophy by H. P. Blavatsky, will be held today (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building opposite Flora Fountain.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ

In connection with the 111th Maghotsav celebrations there will be the Divine Service by Mr. Y. B. Bhandarkar at 7-30 a.m. today (Friday) and on Sunday, the 26th instant, there will be the Divine Service by Mr. G. L. Chandavarkar at 6-30 p.m.

KANNADA SAHITYA STUDY CIRCLE

The 3rd discourse on "Dasara Padagalu" and "Purandara Dasara Padagalu" will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (B.T.) at the National Kannada Education Society's School in Chandavarkar Rd., Matunga, G.I.P.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"The Adventures of Robinhood." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Down Argentine Week." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Escape" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad". Daily at 3-30, 6-15 and 9-45 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Thief of Bagdad". Daily at 3-45, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Puja" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Lagna Puhewo Karoeu" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat" Daily at 3, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Main" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"[illegible]" Daily at 4, 6-15 and 9-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"[illegible]" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
THE EDWARD—"[illegible]" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HIND MATA—"[illegible]" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
THE PALACE—"[illegible]" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"[illegible]" Daily at [illegible] and 10 p.m.

SEND-OFF TO [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

K. E. M. [illegible]

A meeting of the [illegible] of the Municipal Hospital [illegible] will be held at 9 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Friday) in the office of the K. E. M. Hospital and G. S. M. College [illegible] Union at [illegible] Building, [illegible] Road, Belgaum, Bedar.

ARYA MAHILA SAMAJ INDUSTRIAL HOME

A variety entertainment in aid of the 'Udyoga Mandir' (Industrial Home) of the Arya Mahila Samaj will be held at the Royal Opera House on Sunday, the 26th instant at 9 a.m. The programme includes a dramatic skit, "Striyancha Kubadya", written by Miss Kumudini S. Prabhavalkar, and some interesting items of orchestral, instrumental and vocal music. The generous public are invited to help the cause by attending the performance in large numbers. Tickets are available from Miss M. Dhumatkar, Dhumatkar's House, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay 4, and on Sunday (26th) morning at the Theatre.

METRO
DAILY AT [illegible]

2nd SMASH WEEK 2nd

MARCHING FORWARD From To-morrow Into

[illegible]

(SUNDAY 26th JANUARY)

The President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee writes:—

On behalf of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee an appeal has already been issued to the Citizens of Bombay to participate in the various functions arranged by the B.P.C.C. for the successful celebration of the Independence Day on the 26th January.

LANDMARK IN STRUGGLE

It is needless to add that this Day has become a landmark in our struggle for freedom and everybody regards it as an important National event.

Appeal To Citizens

[illegible]

CO-OPERATE WITH B. P. C. C.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] To Win Freedom By Attending In Thousands

The following is the programme for Independence Day.

7 A.M. (S.T.): Hoisting of National Flags on Residential Houses, Business premises, Motor Cars etc., by the public.

8 A.M. (S.T.): Flag Salutation at Congress House, Sjt. Dhirajlal B. Desai, President, of the B.P.C.C., will unfurl the National Flag.

8 A.M. (S.T.): Flag Salutation at the Maidan, near Nappoo Hall, Matunga, (G.I.P.) Smt. Sarojini Naidu will unfurl the National Flag.

8-30 to 11-30 A.M.: Sacrificial Spinning at Congress House by Satyagrahis and others. Open to Public.

4 P.M. [illegible] Independence Procession [illegible] of the Azad Maidan will start for Chowpatty.

Route: Kalbadevi Road, [illegible] Khana, [illegible], C.P. Tank, Vithalbhai Patel Road and Sandhurst Road.

5-30 P.M. (S.T.): Public Meeting at Chowpatty to take the Independence Pledge. Smt. Sarojini Naidu will preside.

5-30 P.M. (S.T.): Public Meeting at [illegible] to take the Independence Pledge. [illegible] will preside.

TO-DAY'S [illegible]

[illegible]

Independence Day [illegible]

INDEPENDENCE DAY & MUSLIMS' DUTY

CALCUTTA, Jan. 23.

Mr. [illegible], President of the All-[illegible] Muslim Praja Samiti, in the course of an appeal to Muslims to observe 'Independence Day' says:

"Nine crores of Indian Mussalmans having helped to win freedom will possess enough strength and know how to protect their legitimate rights in a free India."—United Press.

Bombay's [illegible]

Daily

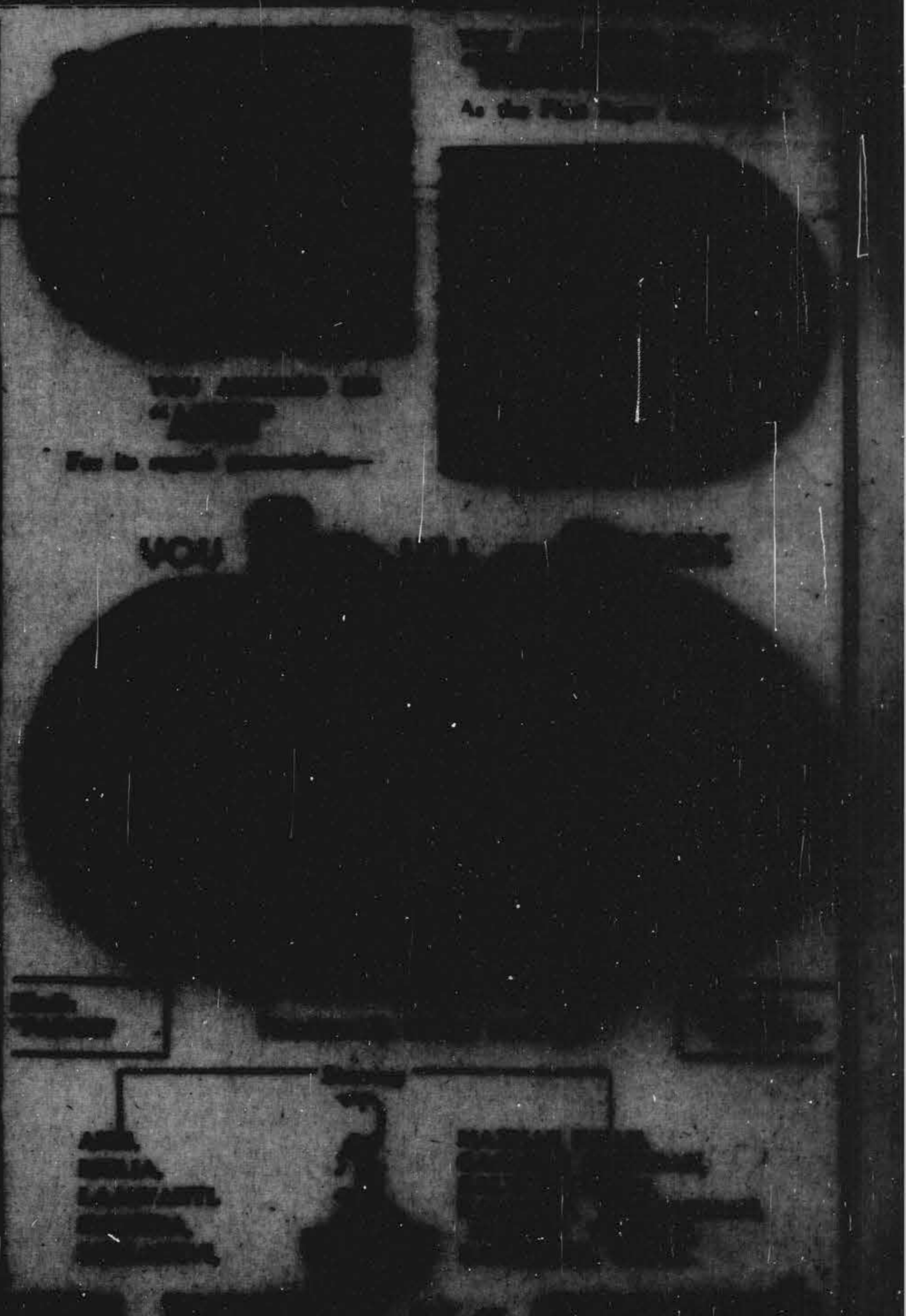
[illegible]

CALCUTTA, Jan. [illegible]

A "state of [illegible]" has been officially declared to prevail in the district of [illegible] owing to the failure of rice crop there.—A. P.

What is best to build up Health and Strength

The adventure of the magic flying horse!
The adventure of the all-seeing eye!
NEW EMPIRE and EXCELSIOR



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The Bombay Chronicle

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1941.

THAT BODES NO GOOD

For parrot-like repetition of a cry, however meaningless, for making vague, equivocal and evasive promises and explaining them in a progressively more evasive manner, Mr. Amery cannot be easily beaten. Indeed, he would not have been taken seriously if he were not the Secretary of State for India. His latest pronouncement on India, if it at all differs from his previous ones, is only more imperialist in its tone and more defiant of public opinion in this country. In praising the generosity of the Viceroy's offer, in suggesting that the next approach can come only from Indians and that, too, in accepting the offer as it is, he is only exhibiting his old take-it-or-leave-it attitude. In this respect his pronouncement is a calculated rebuff to the most moderate critics of the offer like the Liberals. He is unconcerned at the fact that not a single responsible party is prepared to touch the offer with a pair of tongs. His speech will not throw dust into the eyes of the world, let alone impressing India.

National Government Essential

In a laboured attempt to defend the Viceroy's offer, Mr. Amery says: "It would hardly have been a practical proposition to change the whole basis of the Indian Government in the middle of a war and substitute an entirely new administration for that which is conducting the war at present." Yet Britain was prepared to make a more radical—positively revolutionary—change in her own constitution in her relations with France. But she was too late—as she has often been. If she is too late in making a decent offer to India and the latter irrevocably decides to keep out of the Empire, she will have to thank herself. An extra-ordinary situation demands extraordinary methods to face it. A great war to defend a nation demands the entire nation's support. This is possible only under a truly national Government, responsible to the nation. Britain herself realise this truth and has a thoroughly national Government in every sense of the term. To do her full part in the war effectively India needs, and will have, nothing less. Even the Liberals feel constrained to ask: "How can India which is not assured of her future freedom forget its humiliating position and work enthusiastically for the freedom of England and other nations?

Danger Of Delay

As if in reply to this question Mr. Amery says that Britain has already assured India of her freedom after the war, that Britain has already "met the widely expressed Indian demand for a constitution framed in accordance with Indian ideas and not dictated by the British Parliament in accordance with British views or British interests". The assurance actually given is as vague and deceptive as it can be. Britain has only challenged India to frame a constitution of her own but has never agreed to accept one adopted by India. Even in his latest pronouncement Mr. Amery insists that in the last analysis, Britain, and not India, will decide on safeguards for the future's "historical obligations" and India's defence. Nor is there any time limit for the grant of any constitution to India. It is certainly more honest for all to state the truth plainly and clearly and defend it, if possible. It is sheer bunkum to say that upon essentials there is no disagreement. As regards immediate reforms Mr. Amery thinks "it is going a long way for the British Government to be prepared so to enlarge the Executive Council as to make it predominantly Indian." But Mr. Amery himself knows that what is essential is that the Council should be not only predominantly Indian but should also have real power and should not be merely the tools of the Viceroy or the British Government as they are proposed to be. Mr. Amery's reluctance to make the Executive Council predominantly Indian shows what little sincerity there is in the desire of the British Government, as expressed by the Viceroy in his Calcutta speech, to transfer real power and real authority to Indians. It is idle to suggest that if a really national Government is set up in India there may be inconvenient debates in the Legislature and the Council on questions of war. But the Premier himself rightly remarks that "debates on large issues are of immense value to the nation's lifeblood and of great assistance to the Government." Mr. Churchill also said: "We do not live in a Dictator country where people can be brutally overruled, but in a country where a Cabinet governs subject to continued superintendence, direction and correction of Parliament." The Indian people also do not like dictatorship, but demand a Cabinet which "governs subject to continued superintendence, direction and correction of Parliament." The long and short of the matter is that a free national Government is as essential in India as it is in Britain. To-day a form of Government can be devised through negotiations satisfactory to both India and Britain. If that is not done now, there is no knowing when friendly negotiations may become impossible.

Foreign Enterprise In University Education

The senate of the university of Bombay will consider, at its next meeting, several propositions of grave public interest, which, it is a pity, do not attract public attention to the extent the inherent importance of the issues involved demands. In recent years, for example, the university has had an increasing number of applications for affiliation of new colleges, where the authorities concerned do not appear to follow anything like a uniform policy. Several applicants of this kind have, for example, been required, in the recent past, to provide a substantial reserve fund, over and above proving, to the satisfaction of the university authorities, that they would be able to make both ends meet, as a condition precedent to affiliation. On the financial aspect alone of the administration of a recently affiliated local college, there was prolonged debate last year and the senate received one of the worst veiled snubs of the recent past from Government, when the latter turned down its recommendation for affiliating the college in question for three years and instead granted one for a year only. It is true that the treatment was in accordance with the original recommendation of the syndicate in this particular case; but, even so, the snub to the senate was nonetheless pointed and we cannot help wondering what the Fellows, who have been always [illegible] upon the supremacy of the senate in the governance of the university, were thinking of when they were confronted with this result. Whatever the final decision of the senate, it ought to have been accepted by Government; or, in the alternative, the senate would be reduced to be only a registry office for Government in such matters. Much as we would dislike such a degradation of the senate, we cannot but question the wisdom of frequent changes in the policy for affiliation in regard to the different colleges and particularly as regards the financial aspect of the matter. The demand for a reserve fund in a college smacks too much of turning colleges into commercial concerns to be palatable to those who would keep the worship of mammon out of the precincts of the university in any form or shape. At the same time, if such a condition is laid down in one instance, that cannot but prove a most awkward precedent, which, if not followed in any subsequent case, would only suggest a discriminatory treatment that must be hateful in itself. We trust, therefore, that the senate will insist upon the syndicate following a uniform policy in such matters and not vary the terms and conditions as the wind of influencing may direct.

A problem of far more serious importance, affecting the very foundations of higher education in the country, is raised, we note, by a motion on the agenda [illegible] for affiliation of a separate college for women put forward by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A separate and exclusive college for women, manned (if the paradoxical phrase be permitted) by women teachers and filled entirely by women students, would be worse than an anachronism in this province, which, we are glad to see, has not escaped the attention of certain members of the Senate who have tabled amendments to the motion negativing the proposals quite explicitly on grounds of policy. In the university there ought to be no such distinctions and exclusiveness, as the St. Sophia College for women, if affiliated, will imply. But that is not the only issue in this retrograde measure proposed to be thrust upon this university. The Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is, we are fully aware, a body with a long record of educational activities in post-revolutionary Europe. But its methods and ideals of education are the same as those of the Jesuits,—in fact, the Society is commonly known to be the feminine counterpart of the Jesuits,— which are synonymous for reaction in many fields of life and work. Formed, originally, as an order definitely to combat the forces of the Reformation, and vowed to unquestioning obedience to the Pope, this Society of aggressive Catholicism has had vicissitudes in history, during which more than one Catholic country was obliged to exile that Order; while the Pope himself was compelled to suspend, if not abolish, it for similar reasons. The Society of the Sacred Heart, though a much junior organisation, is, nevertheless, essentially of the same fibre, the same objective and outlook and we cannot help wondering what place it can rightfully have in present-day India with its progressive impulses to a New Order in every field of life.

The problem is put before the senate in a series of amendments which, we are not sure, exhaust all the points of policy on which this motion is open to serious objection. But, perhaps, the framers of these amendments were restricted by the rules of business [illegible]

Failure Of Indo-Ceylon Talks

(By AN INDIAN)

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In his speech at the annual session of the Ceylon National Congress at Mirigama Mr. Senanayake contended that India was herself making discrimination and cited the "Foreigners' Act of Madras" under which he said, persons other than Indians and those domiciled in the United Kingdom were foreigners in India. Mr. Senanayake probably exults and derives inward satisfaction in having made an important discovery, but I would like to point out that there is no such Act of the Government of Madras. Probably what he refers to is Act No. XVI of 1939 of the Central Government known as "An Act to provide for the Registration of Foreigners in British India". Though the Ceylon Minister sought to make capital of the Indian Act as a piece of discriminatory legislation, he entirely omitted to mention what the purpose and effect of this definition was and whether it had any practical application at all. The Act above referred to is only an enabling Ordinance empowering the Government of India to keep watch over the movements of undesirable aliens whose activities may be prejudicial to her security and defence. By Section, 3 of the Act the Central Government has powers to (1) compel foreigners to report their presence to the prescribed authority, (2) require foreigners to report their movements and (3) give information about the date of their departure from India. There is nothing in the Act which discriminates or even gives power to the Government of India to do so, either politically or economically, against any individual. The fact that Mr. Senanayake was not able, in spite of his great labours, to find out any other instance than this one shows how [illegible] India is [illegible] one. Can Mr. [illegible] [illegible] in India [illegible] tion? The only [illegible] at all it can be [illegible] is against [illegible] the Indian [illegible] must be [illegible] lon has [illegible] Civil Service for a [illegible] tury. Even now [illegible] ed in India can [illegible] Civil Service, while even the [illegible] generation of Indians in [illegible] are not eligible for the Ceylon Civil Service.

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Let us see what the proposals of the Government of India were at the time of the Delhi talks. Though no official communique has so far been issued by the Government of India, it is understood that the Government of India demanded that those Indians who could claim five years' residence and abiding interest in Ceylon, should be entitled to full rights of citizenship except the right to Government service and the right to acquire crown land already set apart for Ceylonese. A proviso was added that it was for the Government of Ceylon to prove that no permanent interest had been acquired when the applicant was a married man living with his wife and children in the Island. [illegible]

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[illegible] in Ceylon, why at all [illegible] to New Delhi? Let Mr. [illegible] ke and others of his [illegible] that such tactics, obviously resorted to save their face before the Ceylon public for the failure of the talks, will not carry Ceylon an inch further towards amity and harmony.

The Ministers in Ceylon have come forward with another cry that there is acute unemployment in Ceylon and, therefore, non-nationals have got to make room for the unemployed nationals. We are further told that there are about [illegible]

(Continued on [illegible])

*The first article appeared on the 23rd instant.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

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Britain's "War Stride"

Ever since the beginning of the war there has been an insistent demand from certain quarters in Britain for the institution of an inner War Cabinet, with its members free from departmental duties. It was suggested that the various Ministers would be so occupied with the complex and heavy duties of their own portfolios that they would not be able to take a detached and comprehensive view of the [illegible] war as a whole. [illegible] is there to guide and superintend the work of the various departments, Britain's war efforts can be trusted gradually to rise to the highest pitch of output as well as efficiency.

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clear and disquieting and most of the reports are trickling through Bulgaria. According to an American radio commentator broadcasting from Belgrade, Bucharest is in a state of siege, following the unsuccessful Iron Guard 'putsch'. A Bucharest dispatch to the German News Agency states that 87 State-owned private industrial enterprises in the country have been placed under military control [illegible]

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An M.L.A. (Central) has given notice of a resolution recommending that India be forthwith declared a Dominion.

And who said there are no optimists among our M.L.A.'s?

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"Sir Roger Lumley's inauguration of a Bombay provincial scheme of visual education, and the announcement of the personnel of the All-India Film Advisory Board, are landmarks of progress."
—Anglo-India.

Mole-hills, too, serve as landmarks!

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'If you want to spend a quiet half-hour', said the native to a visitor, 'there's no better place than our art gallery.'

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Gandhiji's Advice To Students

GUJARAT COLLEGE DEADLOCK DEVELOPMENTS: FRESH ORDER ON TWO HOSTEL INMATES TO QUIT

PROF. DHRU'S MOVE FOR PEACE

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 23.

Gandhiji has sent blessing in a letter to students of Gujarat College advising them that if all efforts for amicable settlement and justice are in vain, students have a right to offer strike.

MAHATMA'S ADVICE TO COLLEGIANS

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 23.

Mahatma Gandhi has sent the following message to the students of the Gujarat College:—

"The action of the Principal, if it is such as you describe, calls certainly for a protest. You should negotiate with him respectfully, you should seek the assistance of leading citizens and you should cultivate public opinion. Still if you do not obtain justice you have the right to strike. To exercise that right or not is dependent upon the strength of the students."

DECISION OF COUNCIL OF ACTION

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 23.

The decision of the Council of Action to give a maximum of four days' time for negotiations with the Principal of the Gujarat College and in the meantime to resume studies was announced, at a meeting of the students of the College held in front of the College by Miss Mrudula Sarabhai, who told them to be ready for a strike if the negotiations fail.

A message sent by Mahatma Gandhi was read at the meeting.—A.P.

QUIT ORDER ON TWO HOSTEL INMATES

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 23

Principal Kaji has ordered two students namely: C. J. Raval and M. S. Sheth, to vacate the hostel of the College as their names have been struck off from the college register. Great sensation prevails by this order. Both students have been advised by a prominent citizen not to vacate the hostel and as such they have determined to live in the hostel.

I am in a position to state that the college strike will be postponed for four days as leading Congressmen and prominent citizens have advised students to wait for that period during which it is learnt Mr. Anand Shankar Dhru, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares University will see the authorities.

If Mr. Anand Shankar will fail in his mission, Congressmen and citizens have promised students to support any direct action.

Students are raising One Anna Fund for Direct Action.

Women Collegians' Strike Continues

CALCUTTA, Jan. 23.

The strike of the girls of the first and third year classes of the women's section of the Vidyasagar College over the question of changing the class hours from noon to morning, is still continuing.

In the meantime, Sir Manmatha Nath Mookerjee, President of the Governing Body of the institution, who is at present in Patna, has been apprised of the situation and, it is learnt, the matter will be considered at an emergency meeting of the Governing Body immediately the President returns to Calcutta.—A. P.

V. J. T. I. STUDENTS' STRIKE

The Hon. Secretary, V. J. T. I. Hostel Students' Union writes:—

The strike of V. J. T. I. students is prolonging with the unflagging zeal and the success can be gauged by the total absence of the day students from the classes.

The students assembled in the adjoining municipal park and were addressed by the organising secretary of A. I. S. F. who assured them the genuine sympathy of his federation and spoke at a great length enjoining the students to hold out the strike with united and stern determination till the victory is theirs.

A public meeting was held at Nappoo Gardens, yesterday, when, the above decision was taken.

The North Bombay Students' Union has extended its support to the cause of the strikers.

Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate

Mr. Oscar H. Brown has been appointed to officiate as Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay at the place of Mr. I.L. Mehta going to leave preparatory to retirement.

MAHATMA FOR ALLAHABAD?

To Open Kamala Nehru Hospital

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 23.

There is a likelihood of Mahatma Gandhi coming to Allahabad to open the Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital in the course of the next few weeks, when according to Dr. Jivraj Mehta, the hospital would be completely ready in every respect and properly equipped.

Dr. Mehta who specially came down here for the final arrangement of the hospital told the Associated Press that the final decision would be taken by Mahatma Gandhi and the date of the opening ceremony would be decided by him.

Dr. Mehta will shortly discuss the matter with Mahatma Gandhi at Wardha.—A. P.

"JOIN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS"

Some excitement was caused, when the police interfered in the conduct of a meeting at Kumbharwada, off Sandhurst Road, on Thursday night.

The meeting was one of a series of propaganda meetings being held in the city in connection with the ensuing Independence Day celebrations.

About 9 p.m. when Messrs. Bhawani Shankar Ojha, Bhanushankar Yagnik, Jayantilal Kesavlal Kapadia and other Congress workers arrived at the meeting two European police officers came on the scene and demanded that the petromax lights (which were shaded) should be removed, as it constituted an infringement of the lighting rules. They also asked that the carpets spread on the road should be removed and that people should not sit thereon, as such sitting would obstruct traffic.

The organizers complied with these instructions and stated that they were doing so as they had instructions not to defy oders.

Subsequently, Mr. Bhawani Shankar Ojha who presided over the meeting and Mr. Bhanushankar Yagnik exhorted the people to join in their thousands, in the observance of the Independence Day.

CITY INDEPENDENCE DAY PLANS

Representatives of various volunteer organisations and Gymkhanas in the city met Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, President, Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at the Congress House on Thursday, in connection with the observance of the Independence Day on Sunday next.

Several such organisations having gladly responded to the appeal of Mr. Desai, to join in the celebrations, the meeting discussed and chalked out their plans for Sunday.

Mr. Desai has invited representatives of various students' organisations in the city to meet him on Friday (to-day) evening

Will Bengal Celebrate Independence Day?

CALCUTTA, Jan. 23.

"If restrictions are not enforced you may have the celebration," writes Mr. Mahadeo Desai to Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, in reply to an enquiry to Mahatma Gandhi whether Independence Day should be celebrated in Bengal as Gandhiji's statement regarding the celebration of the Independence Day did not say anything definitely in this regard.—United Press.

Matric Examination To Commence On April 15

The Matriculation examination of the Bombay University will commence on April 15 next.

JAPAN TO TAX BACHELORS

Drive For Hundred Million Population In 1960

LONDON, Jan. 23

The Japanese cabinet has decided that a population of a hundred millions should be Japan's aim in 1960. The present population is thirty million short of this aim.

The new population policy says the Domei Agency is part of Japan's mission in what is described as sphere of common prosperity throughout East Asia. Early marriages and large families are to be encourged and subsidised. During the next ten years the average marrying age of a Japanese man will be 25 and for women 21. An idea Japanese family will be one with five children.

Bachelors will be subject to additional taxation.—Reuter.

Thai Attack Repulsed

Indo-China 'Communique' Denies Capture Of Battalion

HANOI, Jan. 23.

The repulse of an attack by Thai forces in Cambodia is claimed in a 'communique' issued to-day by Gen. Decoux, the Governor-General of French Indo-China.

The attack is stated to have been made against the French border detachments in the Samrong region.

Another communique [illegible] American report [illegible] Battalion of the [illegible] —Reuter.

Antonescu, Master Of Situation

REBELS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED

NAZI CHARGE AGAINST BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 23.

The claim that the rebels have been overwhelmed everywhere in the Capital as well as provincial towns and the country, is made by the Rumanian Legation in London. General Antonescu, it is added, is determined to establish and maintain order in Rumania.

Denying assertions of the rebels when they were temporary masters of the Bucharest Radio, the latest official news from Bucharest quoted by the Legation says that the army throughout was thoroughly loyal.

Situation Under Control

The Legation has issued a statement to the effect that Gen. Antonescu with the army is in control of the whole situation. The statement adds that there are still a few points of resistance both in Bucharest and some provincial towns, but in the rest of the country there is quiet.

Legionaries' Demand

Dealing with this week's events the statement says: "On Tuesday Legionary (Iron Guard) elements created disturbances in Bucharest and some provincial towns demanding the formation of an exclusively Legionary Government. There has been no street fighting, although in some instances the army had to use their arms to defend themselves. Two rebels were killed in Bucharest, four in Ploesti and fifteen in Braila".

Nazi Propaganda

"The German Reich has given a guarantee that it will not abandon Rumania in her hour of difficulty" says the "Deutsche Diplomatiche" Correspondent to-day.

The statement is made in an article which seeks to suggest that the British Secret Service has caused the current disturbances in Rumania and repeats the unsupported charge that Britain instigated the murder of the German Officer in Bucharest.

The article also fails to explain why both the warning elements in Rumania claim German support.

Antonescu Regains Control

Earlier cables stated:

Gen. Antonescu had re-established some measure of control in Bucharest at a late hour last night, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in London.

The Prefecture of Police which was previously in the hands of the Legionaries was then again under Government control, together with all other Government offices. The radio station at Brasov, however, remains in the Legionaries' hands. Incessant fighting took place in the capital throughout yesterday. Communications with the provinces were cut off—trains ran under military control. The general situation in the provinces appeared to be quiet.

No confirmation has yet reached London of the reports that German troops had co-operated with the Rumanian forces in restoring order.

An Amusing Allegation

In connexion with the allegations that British interests had instigated the disturbances, it is pointed out in London that the British cause could gain no advantage from these for both parties appear to be vying with each other in fulsome praise of Germany and the Axis.

Nor, it is emphasised, is there any confirmation in London of the presence of German troops in Bulgaria, though there may well be a number of "experts".

Revolution In Rumania

All communication with Bucharest was still interrupted on Wednesday, but reports from Bulgarian sources state that civil disturbance are continuing throughout Rumania, says a Belgrade message.

Many buildings in Bucharest are now occupied by the German army.

Iron Guard extremists are known to have been in possession of large supplies of firearms including machine-guns. In certain buildings extremists are reported to be still holding out behind barricades.

Clashes between Iron Guards and General Antonescu's troops are continuing in various parts of the country, according to the Bulgarian press, while peasants and workers are said to be pouring into Bucharest from the provinces to join the revolt against General Antonescu's Government.

A member of the Iron Guard in Sofia in an interview with "Reuter" said, "The sacred movement must be cleansed from top to bottom and a Government representing workers and peasants formed"

Garrisons Join Insurgents

Reports reaching Belgrade from Rumania indicate that some 20,000 people have arrived in Bucharest in order to support the insurgents. It is claimed that many provincial garrisons have joined the insurgents in various provinces including Moldavia and Craiova.

In Galatz, the Iron Guards are said to have disarmed a garrison which was pro-Antonescu while it is reported from another centre that General [illegible] with his whole garrison has joined the insurgents and is said to be marching on the Capital.

HUNGARY'S WAR MINISTER IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Jan. 23.

The Hungarian War Minister, General Vitez Bartha, arrived here to-day and he will be the guest of General Keitel, German Chief of Staff, says the Official German News Agency.

To-morrow he will meet Lieut.-General Fromm, Commander-in-Chief of the Reserve Army who is deputising for General von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army.—Reuter.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 22.

The British destroyer "Hyperion" has been lost. The Admiralty announcing the loss says that "Hyperion" sustained damage by a torpedo or mine which rendered her incapable of steaming and she had subsequently to be sunk by British forces.—Reuter.

MOSCOW ANNOUNCES "AMERICAN GESTURE"

MOSCOW, Jan. 23.

The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on [illegible] to Russia has been announced [illegible] but it is not yet [illegible] to-day.

Official circles [illegible] on the subject, but [illegible] is that the lifting of this [illegible] with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok [illegible] improvement in Soviet-American relations. —Reuter.

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[illegible] Japan, Van Mook said that the economic structure of the Netherlands East Indies made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and Neutral countries on the largest possible scale, and added that despite the war ninety per cent of the East Indies export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries.

That proved, he said, mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.—Reuter.

KONOYE MEETS HEADS OF FIGHTING FORCES

TOKYO, Jan. 23.

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Prime Minister, attended a Conference between representatives of the Government and heads of the Fighting Services to-day. It will be recalled that a series of conferences has been held to discuss the China war situation.—Reuter.

PLAN FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

Italian Reinforcements On Albanian Front

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Reports from Albania suggest that the Italians are planning a large-scale counter-offensive in Greece.

Reuter's correspondent on the Albanian frontier reports that more Italian Divisions have been landed near the Yugoslavian frontier and vast quantities of war material and munitions have been coming in.

The correspondent adds that crack Italian Alpini troops have been landed by aircraft.

Italians Suffer Heavy Losses

The Greeks repulsed four Italian counter-attacks on Wednesday which were aimed at regaining a vital position on the central sector of the front, said a Greek spokesman.

The Italians lost so heavily that the attempt had to be discontinued. The Greeks captured 150 prisoners, he added.

Greek Villages Raided From Air

Earlier Athens cables stated:—

Bombing by Greek aeroplanes of objectives in the battle zone is reported in a Greek High Command communique issued late last night. All Greek planes returned to the bases.

The capture of 150 prisoners and much war material was also mentioned.

Another communique from the Greek Minister of Home Security states that enemy planes yesterday bombed the rural area of Janina in north-western Greece but neither damage nor casualties were caused.

It adds that when the Italians withdrew from Delvino they took with them several Greeks as hostages.

Vinoba Bhave Pleads Guilty

CHARGES FRAMED: JUDGMENT TO-DAY

BENGAL AND AJMER CONGRESS OFFICES SEARCHED: ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS FROM PROVINCES

WARDHA, January 23.

The trial of Vinoba Bhave under the Defence of India Rules, for his anti-war speeches at Wardha, Sevagram and Nagpur, was held to-day and lasted one hour.

After Vinoba had made a statement admitting having made the speeches, judgment was reserved.

CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST BHAVE

WARDHA, Jan. 23.

The trial of Mr. Vinoba Bhave, [illegible]

Judgment will be delivered to-morrow.—United Press.

AJMER P. C. C. OFFICE SEARCHED

Arrests And Convictions In Province

AJMER, (By Mail).

From Ajmer Merwara P.C.C. office:—

The residence of Syt. Bishamber Nath Bhargav, Secretary, P.C.C. and the Office of the Provincial Congress Committee, Ajmer, were searched on Tuesday last by the local C.I.D. under a warrant from the Additional District Magistrate, Ajmer. Diary of 1940, copy of instructions to Satyagrahis by Gandhiji, and two other papers were taken away from the Secretary's residence. Correspondence between the Indore T.C.C. and P.C.C., a letter of the A.I.C.C. regarding War contributions by the Local Bodies, and other papers were taken away from the Office. The search lasted for about 4 hours.

APPEAL RESULT.

The District Sessions Judge Mr. Damle pronounced judgment in the appeal of Syt. Durga Prasad Choudhri, ex-Secretary, Nagar Congress Committee, Ajmer. He quashed the fine imposed by the lower Court and also reduced the sentence of two years' to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

Syt. Jethmalji Choudhri, President Gram Congress Committee and Municipal Commissioner, Kekri, was sentenced by Mr. Durga Dutt, S.D.O., Kekri, to one year's R. I. and Rs. 100 fine or three months more.

Syt. Daud Visharad, Secretary, Town Congress Committee, who was arrested before actually offering Satyagraha, was sentenced to one year's R. I. and Rs. 40 fine or 50 days more by Mr. Abdul Majid E. A. C. Merwara.

CONGRESS OFFICE SEARCHED.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 22.

The Madaripur Police yesterday searched the local Congress office. It is reported that some books and posters and a group photograph were seized. Mr. Sachin Banerjee said to be a member of the Sub-Divisional Congress Committee (Suspended) was arrested and remanded to custody.—United Press.

PARLIAMENTARY PARTY SECRETARY ARRESTED.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 23.

Mr. Dakshina Ranjan Gupta Choudhury, Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party in Assam, has been arrested for shouting anti-war slogans, according to a report received from Moulvibazar (Sylhet).—A. P.

ELLICHPUR CONVICTION.

ELLICHPUR, Jan. 23.

Mr. Kanhaiyalal Agarwal who was arrested on January 18, was sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the court and to pay a fine of Rs. [illegible]—United Press.

EX-DETENU JAILED.

DACCA, Jan. 23.

For having infringed internment rules Subodh Chandra Acharya, who was formerly a detenu, has been sentenced to fifteen months' rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules.

In Punjab

JHANG: Mr. Basantlal Taluja, Secretary of the District Congress Committee, Mr. Amarnath Sahgal, [illegible] Secretary and Mr. [illegible] were arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules. —A. P.

SATYAGRAHIS ARRESTED

LUCKNOW, Jan. 23.

[illegible] to-day under the Defence of India Rules for offering Satyagraha.

Why Ahrars Offer Satyagraha

LUCKNOW, Jan. 23.

Mr. Wasi Ahmad, [illegible] U.P. Ahrar Party, in the course of a statement denied the controversy which has been raised by a section of the Urdu press in regard to Ahrar's attitude towards the Satyagraha movement.

He asserted that the Ahrars were offering Satyagraha from their own party platform, but in co-operation with the Congress as the objective of the Congress and the Ahrars was the same. He remarked that the Ahrars should not be misled by propaganda carried on by interested persons and opined that they should do their bit to further the cause of the movement launched to gain country's independence.—United Press.

ARRESTED AT AMRAOTI.

AMRAOTI, Jan. 23.

Mr. Ratanlal Chhotelal Agarwal who was to offer Satyagraha was arrested yesterday evening.—United Press.

SATYAGRAHA IN FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, Jan. 22.

'Satyagraha' in the Frontier continued to-day as usual. Dr. Khan Sahib did not offer 'Satyagraha' to-day owing to the illness of Qazi Attaullah, former Minister. Other 'Satyagrahis' namely, M.L.A.'s and members of the A.I.C.C. offered 'Satyagraha' in their respective constituencies.—United Press.

M. L. A.'s Residence Searched

PESHAWAR, Jan. 22.

The residence of Khan Abdul Aziz, M.L.A., a Congress 'Satyagrahi', in village Zaida, Mardan District, was searched under Sec. 124 of the Defence of India Rules on the strength of a warrant issued by the District Magistrate.

Nothing incriminating nor any objectionable letters to which, it is alleged, references were made in the course of his 'Satyagraha' speeches, was recovered.—United Press.

MADRAS CONVICTIONS.

MADRAS, Jan. 23.

Mr. P. Krishnamurthi of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee was sentenced to three months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 250 or in default to three months' additional R. I. for shouting anti-war slogans yesterday evening at the People's Park.

Mr B. Surendra Babu, Secretary, National Youth League, Washermanpet, was arrested this morning while shouting anti-war slogans in front of a school at Washermanpet. Produced before the Magistrate he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' R. I.—A. P.

One Film At Two Theatres

"Bad Man Of Wyoming"

Story Of Fights And Thrills At Metro

Thrills of the Pioneer West of U. S. A. mingled with uproarious comedy bring Wallace Beery to the screen in a fast-moving drama of the great outdoors in "Wyoming," now showing at Metro.

Amid Indian battles, raids on cattle thieves and other exciting detail, played against the majestic Teton mountains in Wyoming, Beery engages in a courtship with Marjorie Main that provides him with his most comical romance since "Min and Bill", serenades his lady-love with a harmonica and engages in comedy episodes with Leo Carrillo. The young romance is between Ann Rutherford, of the Judge Hardy Family series, and Lee Bowman.

Like its predecessor, "Bad Man of Brimstone," the picture is laid almost entirely outdoors, the country about Jackson Lake, Wyoming, providing scenery of breath-taking beauty. Beery's bad-man characterisation is compellingly dramatic at times, whimsically humorous at others, in a story ideal for his particular talents. Miss Rutherford gives a warm portrayal and little Bobs Watson, of "Boys Town" and "On Borrowed Time," is a perfect foil for Beery in their scenes together when the little boy makes a "pal" of the former train robber who, to protect the child and his sister, becomes the champion of law and order in the primitive wilds.

Richard Thorpe directed with [illegible] skill. Cavalry battles with Indian raids, and other thrills enliven Beery's romance with the "[illegible] blacksmith." Paul Kelly, made up to duplicate the character, gives an interesting portrayal of the historic General Custer, and Joseph Calleia provides the menace as the villainous Buckley. Henry Travers plays the crooked sheriff. Lee Bowman is intriguing as Custer's young lieutenant, and William Tannen, Stanley Fields, Donald MacBride, Clem Bevans, [illegible], Russell Simpson and Chief Thundercloud have interesting roles.

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Fourth Week At Regal

Great Success Of 'Down Argentine Way'

"Down Argentine Way", Fox's great musical which has been playing to packed houses for the past three weeks now goes into the fourth week of its sensationally successful run at the Regal.

The film is an entertaining melange of tuneful melodies, attractive dances, hectic rhumbas and congas, tender romance and gay laughter.

Betty Grable and Don Ameche provide the romantics, sing and dance beautifully and the exotic Carmen Miranda makes a sensational debut, singing four torrid songs and dancing congas and rhumbas; the Nicholas brothers contribute some brilliant tap dancing and Charlotte Greenwood, J Carrol Naish and Henry Stephenson lend able support. Grand entertainment this, don't miss it.

FORTY LITTLE MOTHERS AT BROADWAY

Eddie Cantor, the Clown Prince of Gags, emerges as real human character in the story of "Forty Little Mothers" at Broadway, Dadar, from to-day.

The story of "Forty Little Mothers" is based upon the French Comedy, "Monsieur Petiot." and is the story of a timid college professor who inherits a baby and more than his share of trouble when he attempts to conceal it in a girls' boarding school. The girls, unaware of the existence of the baby, attempt to have Cantor fired because he is not as handsome as his predecessor. When they find the baby, they became little mothers and go on strike when the mistress of the school attempts to discharge him. The story is one that blends pathos, comedy and even drama.

A highlight of the picture is the appearance of Judith Anderson, as Madam Granville, head of the school. Miss Anderson acquits herself as if she had been in pictures all of her life. Rita Johnson plays the unfortunate mother and delivers a fine performance.

Norma Shearer in 'Escape' at Metro in second week.

ADDED ATTRACTION AT REGAL

"Britain's R. A. F."

The hope of the victory that Britain places upon its R. A. F. is shown in this exclusive motion picture story of the Royal Air Force and its daily struggle with the invading air fleets of Nazi Germany. Time's camera staff in Britain got actual scenes of battle and many of the stirring and amazing exploits of British airmen.

There are vivid scenes not only of defensive action of England's Spitfire and Hurricanes, but also the defensive reprisal raids which R. A. F. fliers have been carrying on against Nazi invasion bases along the French and Belgian channel coasts, and even the attacks upon military objectives in Germany itself.

"THE THIEF OF BAGDAD"

Being Shown At New Empire And Excelsior

By far one of the most colourful and exciting pictures ever to be made is being shown at the Excelsior and the Empire at the same time from to-day, when Alexander Korda presented at a brilliant premiere, his new all-Technicolour production, "The Thief Of Bagdad." The picture was received with wild acclaim by an audience composed of many notables and celebrities who cheered the new picture as a tribute to Mr. Korda's genius and artistry.

With Sabu, John Justin, June Duprez and Conrad Veidt in the leading roles, it tells a story right out of the Arabian Nights; the story of the young Prince of Bagdad who, with his friend and companion, the little thief of Bagdad, seeks the hand of the Princess of Basra while opposed by his evil Grand Vizier, the Magician Jaffar, who desires the Princess and the throne for himself.

"The Thief of Bagdad" is adventurous, romantic spectacle at its best. The screen is literally dominated by the immense crowd scenes in dazzling Technicolour and the magic and "miracles" in the picture leave one in breathless amazement. The Flying Horse, The Magic Carpet, The Dancing Dolls, The All-Seeing Eye and a Djinni who changes at will from a titan 200 feet high into a tiny being who can fit into a bottle, are but a few of the memorable feats accomplished in this picture.

Needless to say, "The Thief of Baghdad" utilised new and revolutionary as well as secret technical methods in achieving the spectacular sequences that, far from ever having been equalled, have never even been attempted before. In short, it brings the exciting, mystic essence of ancient Persia to the screen in all its glory.

Unstinted praise is due to the producer, Alexander Korda, to Ludwig Berger and Michael Powell for their imaginative direction and to Production Designer William Cameron Menzies and Vincent Korda for the [illegible] beauty of the colourful settings they created. These points, along with the excellent performances given by all the members of the cast, combine to make the "Thief of Baghdad" a truly outstanding motion picture.

MORNING SHOW AT CAPITOL

"Devil's Brother", with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy will be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

"The Adventures of Robin Hood" a Warner Bros. [illegible] picture, comes to the Capitol [illegible]. Heralded by critics and audiences who have previously seen it, as the outstanding adventure film of all time, it stars Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland.

Directed by Michael Curtiz and William Keighley, this newest version of the famous outlaw's adventures, filmed in the new soft-tint Technicolour, was written by Norman Reilly Raine, who received the Motion Picture Academy Award for his "Life of Emile Zola" screen play, in collaboration with Seton I. Miller. Another Academy Award winner, Erich Wolfgang Korngold, wrote the superb musical score.

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The Half-Column [illegible]

Among letters from correspondents sending material for publication I read: "... The urge to write on behalf of the Indian people, myself included, is so great that it has broken all bounds and is occupying all my time, both in writing and deep thinking."

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours on behalf of the people,

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MUTT AND JEFF—Mrs. Mutt Has a Right to take a [illegible]

THERE, IT'S FINISHED! NOW I'LL GO TELL JEFF ABOUT IT!
JEFF, I WANNA SHOW YOU MY NEW INVENTION! [illegible]

90 City Congressmen To Court Arrest In Next Two Months

Provisional List Of 10 Satyagrahis From Suburbs Submitted For Gandhiji's Approval

Just over 90 Congressmen from the city, according to the programme chalked out by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will offer Satyagraha from the beginning of February to April 5.

About 45 Congressmen who are included in the list for February propose to offer Satyagraha in batches of two or three persons. Most of the Satyagrahis till April 5, it is understood, are drawn from among members of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and the seven District Congress Committees.

It is likely that the second phase of the campaign which is to end in April will be followed by a brief respite in the Satyagraha campaign.

In the Bombay Suburban District, the Congress Committee has selected 15 persons for inclusion in the list of Satyagrahis for February. The list, it is understood, includes Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, M.L.A., Mr. Gokulbhai Bhat, Mr. C. B. Kora, Mr. Jayantilal Vaishnav and Mr. Indravadan Ozha all of whom are well-known workers of the suburban district.

A provisional list of ten Satyagrahis for the month of March has now been submitted by the Suburban District Congress Committee for Mahatma Gandhi's approval.

So far as the programme during the last week of January is concerned, about 13 persons propose to offer Satyagraha in the city in three batches on January 27, 29 and 31.

Further Arrests & Convictions

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Following is a list of persons arrested and sentenced under the Defence of India Rules in connection with Civil Disobedience.

SENTENCED

Mr. Agarwal—six months' S. I.

Mr. S. G. Ranade—one year's R. I.

AHMEDABAD: Miss Vanmala Arikh and Miss Chanchalben Mohanlal Bhatt—till the rising of the Court and fined Rs. 200 each in default three months' S. I.

COIMBATORE: Messrs. Abdul Subhan and P. G. Muthuswami and Srimathi Lakshmi Ammal—three months' R. I. each.

ARRESTED

BENARES: Mr. Jagat Narayan Dube.

AHMEDABAD: Mrs. Gangaben Javeri.—A. P.

BAJPAI GETS 8 MONTHS' S. I.

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Jan. 23.

Mr. D. S. Bajpai who was arrested yesterday at Mumbra was placed before the Thana Magistrate, who awarded him eight months' simple imprisonment and Rs. 25 fine, in default sixteen days' simple imprisonment.

Mr. Bajpai was placed in "B" class.

In C. P. And Berar:

NAGPUR, Jan. 23.

Mr. Kanhaiyalal Agarwal, President of the Ellichpur Town Congress Committee was sentenced till the rising of the Court and fine of Rs. 200.

Mr. Bhaiyalal Mishra, President of the Arjuni Town Congress Committee in the District of Gondia, was arrested for offering Satyagraha.

Jaswant Singh and Dada Prasadji of Gondia offered Satyagraha. Madhaorao Thakre and B. V. Shende, Pleaders of Deoli, who were fined for offering Satyagraha, again offered Satyagraha.—A. P.

RAJEN BABU AND KRIPALANI ADDRESS MEETING AT WARDHA

Congress Secretary Says Satyagraha Is "Dharma Yuddha"

WARDHA, Jan. 23.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Acharya Kripalani addressed a public meeting convened last night after the arrest of Vinoba Bhawe. Acharaya Kripalani explained to the audience the Congress standpoint of non-Violence and said that Satyargaha was "Dharma Yuddha.—A. P.

Amraoti Congress Vice-President Jailed

AMRAOTI, Jan. 23.

Jayakrishna Kurhade, Vice-President of the Amraoti City Congress Committee, was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

YEOTMAL SATYAGRAHIS FINED

YEOTMAL, Jan. 23.

Mr. Satwajirao and Mr. Godhaji were both fined Rs. 500 each and sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the court for offering Satyagraha.—A. P.

In Maharashtra:

POONA, Jan. 23.

Mr. Surajmal Marwadi, who offered Satyagraha to-day at Chinchwad by shouting anti-war slogans was arrested in the evening and sent to Yeravda Jail.—A. P.

In U. P.:

JHANSI, Jan. 23.

Dr. Yeshwantrao Mathey, Secretary Sepri Ward Congress, who was arrested last week was sentenced to nine months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 200 in default three months' R. I. by the City Magistrate. He was placed in B class.

Kashi Prasad Dwivedi, member of the District Congress, who offered Satyagraha in village Simirdha, was sentenced to one year's R. I.

DEHRA DUN, Jan. 23.—Mr. Khenchand, and Thakur Harisingh, Members of D. C. C., were convicted to-day for offering Satyagraha and sentenced to nine months' R. I. and fined Rs. 50 or in default three months' further R. I. each.—A. P.

MIRZAPUR MUNICIPAL VICE-PRESIDENT ARRESTED

LUCKNOW, Jan. 22.

Srimati Putradevi and Srimati Sampati Devi have been sentenced to three months' S. I. for offering Satyagraha in Partabgarh.

Gaya Prasad Singh and Ganga Sheoji were sentenced to nine months' R. I. in Ramaharsahai.

Mr. Bishwanath Agarwal, Vice President of the Municipal Board, was arrested yesterday from the premises of the Bar Association in Mirzapur.

Choudhry Ram Lalit Singh was sentenced to one year's R. I. and fined Rs. 500.

Murlidhar, a Congress worker was arrested to-day in Barabanki.

Kishan, Harijan, a Congress worker, was arrested to-day prior to offering Satyagraha in Lucknow. Ram Prasad was sentenced to nine months' R. I.

Bhooray Singh, Zorawar Singh and Beni Ram Kela were sentenced to six months' R. I. and fined Rs. 20 each in Etah

Mohammed Sayeed and Sheikh Abdul Rahman both Ahrars were sentenced to one year's imprisonment each in Farrukabad.

Manoharlal was arrested yesterday at Agra.

Satya Devo Sastri was sentenced to one year's R. I. and fined Rs. 150 in Gorakhpur. Ram Oudh Yadav, to one year's R. I. and Rs. 50 fine and Singhasan to six months' R. I. and fine Rs. 200. Four other Congress workers were also arrested to-day.—A. P.

CONGRESS OFFICE SEARCHED AND LEAFLETS SEIZED

CAWNPORE, Jan. 22.

The District Intelligence Staff made a search of the Nayaganj Ward Congress Committee Office this evening and it is stated took away about 500 leaflets published by the All-India 'Nihilist' Party.

The President of the City Congress Committee was present at the time of the search.—A. P.

Benares Convictions

BENARES, Jan. 23.

Following Congressmen were sentenced to-day to six months R. I. in connection with Satyagraha:—

Messrs. Gauri Shankar Misra, Uma Shankar Tewari, Kamta Prasad Vidyarthi, Adya Prasad Singh, Bihari Singh, Iswar Chandra Singh, Raghunath Singh, Balaram Misra, Vanshi Dhar Misra.

These persons have been ordered to pay fines also or in default to undergo further terms of imprisonment. Mr. Gopi Nath Pathak, Vice-President of the Benares City Congress Committee, was arrested to-day for offering Satyagraha.—A. P.

IN CASE OF BAN

Take "Independence Day" Pledges In Your Homes

PATNA, Jan. 22.

The All-India Congress Committee have instructed the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee to advise Congressmen to take "Independence Day" pledges in their homes in case the Government ban public demonstrations and meetings.

Reports of such pledge taking should be sent to the all-India Congress Committee Office and the Press.—A. P.

Rs. 200 FINE FOR AHMEDABAD SATYAGRAHI

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 22.

Mrs. Maniben Javeri who was arrested at Nikol village, near Ahmedabad, while offering Satyagraha was sentenced to-day till the rising of the court and fined Rs. 200, in default three months' S. I.

Mr. Ishwarlal Vaghela, who was arrested at Gota village in Ahmedabad district, was sentenced to-day to six months' Simple Imprisonment.—A. P.

Convictions In Tamil Nad & Kerala

MADRAS, Jan. 23.

Following further convictions in connection with Satyagraha are reported:—

SALEM: Srimathi Savithri Ammal of Udamalpet, three months simple imprisonment (C class).

TIRUVANNAMALAI: Mr. N. Bashyam, Member, North Arcot District Congress Committee, six months' R. I. (C class).

PALGHAT: Mr. Parakkal Vasu Menon, Secretary, Town Congress Committee and Member District Committee one year's R. I. and fine Rs. [illegible], in default 2 months' further R. I. (B class).

[illegible]: Mr. C. C. Govi of Kerala Congress (Special) Committee, six months' R. I.

[illegible]: Mr. [illegible], [illegible], nine months' R. I. (C class).—A. P.

[illegible] SATYAGRAHIS FROM TAMIL NAD

WARDHA, Jan. 23.

A list of [illegible] Satyagrahis from Tamil Nad [illegible]

Two Women Satyagrahis Jailed

MADRAS, Jan. 23.

A Karur message says: Mrs. N. Peyari Bibi, aged 19, and Mrs. T. Jagadambal, aged 22, jointly offered Satyagraha on Tuesday. They were sentenced to three months' R. I. each. They were placed in 'C' class.—A. P.

In Andhra:

Guntur Congress Secretary Jailed

MADRAS, Jan. 23

A Guntur message says: Mr. Macherla Punniah, Joint Secretary United City Congress Committee, Guntur who offered Satyagraha yesterday by shouting anti-war slogan was sentenced to 3 months' R.I. and placed in "C" Class.—A. P.

SIRSI ARRESTS & CONVICTIONS

HUBLI, Jan. 23.

Vaman Hedike, Secretary, North Kanara District Congress Committee and [illegible], Secretary, District Harijan Sevak Sangh, were sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment each by the Sirsi Magistrate for offering Satyagraha.

Tamniagappa Mirajakar, Secretary, Muddebihal Taluk Congress Committee, offered Satyagraha to-day and was arrested.—A. P.

Eastern Group Council Chief

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23.

The "United Press" learns that Sir Archibald Carter, Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, has been selected by His Majesty's Government to be Chairman of the Eastern Group Council which is being set up in accordance with the recommendations of the Eastern Group Conference which met at Delhi in October and November last.

Sir Archibald served in the Indian Round Table Conference in 1930-32 as Secretary-General and was also Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for India and Assistant Secretary to the Indian Statutory Commission between 1924 and 1930.

AUTONOMOUS BODY

The "United Press" further learns that the Council will be an autonomous body independent of the Government of India but will work in close collaboration with all Empire countries and have representatives from Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa.

The Council will also have a representative of the British Ministry of Supply Mission to India who will in all probability work as Secretary to the Council.

The Secretariat of the Council, it is understood, will be fairly big with a staff of about 75 and 10 to 15 officers. The officers, it is understood, will be appointed both from India and other Empire countries.—United Press.

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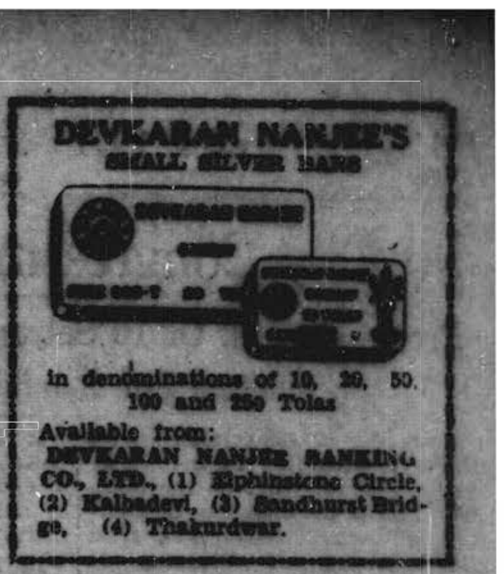

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Tobruk Falls Like Pack Of Cards

Italian Base Collapses In 36 Hours Of Attack

MUSSOLINI'S AIR ARM KEEPS AWAY FROM SCENE

Benghazi Is Wavell's Next Objective

LONDON, JAN. 23.

TOBRUK HAS NOW FALLEN. THIS NEWS IS CONTAINED IN A 'COMMUNIQUE' ISSUED FROM THE BRITISH G. H. Q. AT CAIRO.

14,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

A Communique issued by the G. H. Q. at Cairo states that over 14,000 prisoners were taken at Tobruk. The prisoners include a Corps Commander, a Division Commander, two other Generals, an Admiral and a number of senior Army and Navy Staff Officers. About 200 guns of all calibres have been captured with other materials.

CASUALTIES

The British casualties are under 500. Enemy casualties have not been fully ascertained, but 2,000 wounded have already been evacuated.

Battle Of Tobruk

The Imperial troops entered Tobruk shortly after mid-day, 36 hours after the attack had been launched.

Mopping up operations in the Western section of the perimeter are proceeding. The remainder of the defences are in our hands.

The Australians took gunnery strongholds in the centre of the Tobruk area in under two hours. Armoured divisions, including Free French Forces, held a garrison towards the west of the town.

Two large ships lie burning in Tobruk harbour. There was no sign of Italian aircraft during the entire operations over the perimeter.

The British casualties are very low.

Graziani's Huge Loss

Tobruk contained at least one entire division, with a small element of another division, also a permanent garrison of troops and heavy additional artillery.

With the mopping up of Tobruk forces, Marshal Graziani has now lost two-thirds of the total Italian forces, which were in Libya when the operations first started on December 9.

The forces eliminated comprise an equivalent of eight Blackshirt or Metropolitan Divisions and three Libyan Divisions.

Assault Launched

Reuter's special correspondent near Tobruk writes:—From a vantage point overlooking No Man's Land, I watched Sir Archibald Wavell's army launch its great attack on Tobruk.

The spearhead of the Imperial forces consisted of British tanks, Australian infantry and a famous Eastern country yeomanry regiment and mechanised troops from North England.

The main onslaught was directed against the high spur ground between the perimeter and Tobruk Harbour where the Italians had mounted their most formidable gun positions.

After Australian Sappers had cut the barbed wire entanglements, British tanks crashed through at the crack of dawn. Infantry surged forward close behind. Pouring through gaps a brigade of Australians charged straight for the objective.

Italian Guns Silenced

Others debouched right and left inside the perimeter mopping up gun positions.

The air resounded with the roar of guns and the whine of shells. Everywhere were the reeking fumes of cordite. The Italian frontline guns were quickly silenced.

Half an hour after the attack started, I was able to follow in the wake of supply columns and Red Cross units over the broken defences.

In the growing light of dawn I met the first batch of Italian prisoners coming out. All looked relieved that their ordeal by bombardment was over.

I witnessed a terrible sight—one I shall long remember. Thousands of Italian prisoners streaming back were caught in the barrage from their own guns. Shells burst among them killing many, wounding others. The remainder dashed panic-stricken in all directions.

Australians March Ahead

When I reached the gun positions which had been our first objective, I found that the Australians, true to their type, had got there ahead of schedule and taken them in two hours instead of the four hours allowed for by the staff.

Many guns had received direct hits from the British artillery.

Red Cross men were already attending to the wounded.

Although the Italian ammunition was dated 1938, I noted that most of their guns were built in 1919.

Towards 2 p.m. with the guns of Pilatrino Fort booming out on the left flank of the ridge I had a panoramic view of the latest stages of the battle.

Stretched below was a sandy plane extending to the final escarpment dropping down to Tobruk. Over the port itself black smoke from the burning oil dumps and barracks testified to the deadly effect of the R. A. F. bombings.

I took up a position next to an observation post. Which the commander was giving terse instructions to batteries stationed in the rear, the Imperial Army moved across the plain to attack. The vast desert troops, armoured cars and infantry moved in perfect order.

From the top of the final escarpment I saw Tobruk for the first time. Large liners lay at anchor ablaze from stem to stern. Smaller craft moored alongside were also ablaze.

A few men wandering through were the only signs of life but a very formidable battery on sea and land was blazing on the advanced British forces.

Benghazi, Next Objective

Reuter's military commentator writes:

The news of the fall of Tobruk, as well as the news of all the other operations against the Italians is most encouraging.

We have evidently destroyed as a fighting force another 30,000 Italians and captured a very valuable harbour which will be of the utmost assistance to us in our further advance.

This is not likely to be delayed, for it is to be noted that to-day's news also tells us that some of our armoured troops are already a hundred miles west of Tobruk that is, by Derna, or even beyond it and that they have met no resistance.

THE NEXT QUESTION EVIDENTLY NOW IS HOW SOON CAN WE TAKE BENGHAZI.

The capture of this long strip of the Libyan coast is of added importance on account of the facilities it provides for our air force in its task of attacking Italy and dealing with the air bases used by the Nazis and of helping to guard our sea communications.

Turkey Fully Prepared To Defend Herself

Ankara Radio Says "Steel Of Turkish Arms" Ready On Frontier

ANKARA, Jan. 22.

A warning that "any Power that wishes to strike against the immovable rock of Turkey" will find "the steel of Turkish arms" ready on the frontier was given on the Ankara radio to-night.

Commenting on the rumours of troop movements in the Balkans, the announcer said that Turkey awaits fully prepared to defend her independence with the bulk of her army concentrated in the Straits.—Reuter.

GESTAPO BUSY IN NORWAY

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Gestapo men have been ordered to seize the funds of the Norwegian Shipping Association and seal their offices. On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner Terboven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency. The Association's President, M. Bjoern Hansen, and the Managing Director, M. Klameness, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.—Reuter.

LIFTING OF MORAL EMBARGO AGAINST SOVIET

Will Not Affect Flow Of U. S. Supplies To Britain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.

The lifting of the moral embargo on the export of aeroplanes and air equipment to the Soviet Union is unlikely to affect the flow of war supplies to Britain, according to well-informed quarters here.

No orders Russia could place, could be fulfilled before 1943 if then.

The lifting of the embargo was little more than a "fine gesture".

Apart from the moral embargo, there are also a number of other restrictions on the shipment of materials necessary for defence needs and connected with plans to turn the United States industry into an arsenal for Britain.

Asked at a Press Conference on Wednesday, whether material shipped to Russia might reach Germany, Mr. Cordell Hull replied, "I think you will find the usual interest of this Government in that phase of the situation being taken".—Reuter.

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2 More Warships Added To Canadian Navy

A WESTERN CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 23.

Two Warships of the minesweeper class were added to Canada's growing navy at a double naming ceremony here on Wednesday.—Reuter.

British Assets In America Increase

36 Million Dollars More Available To Pay For U. S. Supply

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

Recently there has been a net increase of 36 million dollars in British dollar and gold assets available to pay for war supplies in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, notified the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee of this on Wednesday.

"The figure the British previously submitted to me of their total gold holdings on January 1 of this year was 238 million dollars," Mr. Morgenthau wrote to the Chairman of the Committee. The revised figure is 292 million dollars or 54 million dollars greater.

"The earlier British table included 33 million dollars of gold scattered in various parts of the world and not available for payment. The new table makes this figure only 30 million dollars, meaning that three million dollars more are available for use."

This had raised additional available assets to 57 million dollars.

Mr. Morgenthau added, however, that the British Treasury had submitted "an additional debit item of 21 million dollars representing commitments already made on account of forward exchange contracts. This figure was not in our possession on January 15 and did not appear in my original table of British liabilities".—Reuter.

14,000 U. S. PLANES EARMARKED FOR U.K.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

Of the 33,000 military planes which are hoped to be turned out by July next year 14,000 are earmarked for Britain.

This was stated by Mr. Knudsen Head of President Roosevelt's Supreme Defence Directorate at a press conference on Wednesday.—Reuter.

U. S. A. TO HAVE 400 SUBMARINE CHASERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.

The House of Representatives has passed a Bill authorising the expenditure of 227 million sterling for the construction of 400 submarine chasers and other small craft and the expansion of shipbuilding facilities.

The measure now goes to the Senate.—Reuter.

Turkish Rly. Delegation To Visit Britain

ISTANBUL, Jan. 23.

A Turkish delegation composed of State Railway Officials is leaving for Britain shortly, it is reported from Ankara.

They will negotiate for the purchase of a number of locomotives and rail trucks.—Reuter.

Amery's New Formula

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CANNOT BE PREDOMINANTLY INDIAN

British Offer Generous And Far-Reaching: New Approach Must Be From Indians Themselves

"It is from the Indian side—from Indians to Indians—that the only effective 'new approach' can be made", said Mr. Amery in an interview to "Great Britain and the East".

"It is surely going a long way for the British Govt. to be prepared so to enlarge the Executive Council as to make it predominantly Indian.

"It would hardly have been a practical proposition to change the whole basis of the Indian Government in the middle of a war and substitute an entirely new administration for that which is conducting war at present."

Mr. Amery concluded by asserting that "upon essentials there is no disagreement".

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India in an interview with Sir Alfred Watson, Editor of "Great Britain and the East" said:—

The real problem to-day is one that only Indians can solve for themselves, said Mr. Amery, when asked if the possibility of a quick solution of the Indian problem rested with India.

Mr. Amery suggested that it was worth-while clearly to understand how far Government of India policy had really gone.

"As regards the future," he said, "it has met the widely expressed Indian demand for a constitution framed in accordance with Indian ideas and not dictated by the British Parliament in accordance with British views or British interests." Subject to certain limitations due in the main to the actual facts of the present defence situation and the obligations incurred to Indian States or the present personnel of the services, there is nothing to prevent the new Constitution for India giving Indians maximum control after the war.

The Near Future

"As regards the near future a great deal must depend on whether leaders of Indian opinion are prepared to take the opportunities now offered of facing the inherent difficulties of the problem and working out a solution which will both maintain the essential unity of India without which India can never enjoy internal peace or external security, and at the same time to give to the main elements in Indian life in their own way.

"That is the real problem and a far more difficult one than that of transferring authority from British to Indian hands. The latter process is one about which there is no difference in principle and regarding which problems of application present no insurmountable obstacle.

First Condition For Transfer

"On the other hand it is clear that the first condition of a transfer of authority to Indian hands is the possibility of an Indian Government that can take over without risk of disintegration and confusion. The British Government has, after all, the responsibility for the peace and welfare of India, inherited from the past, and cannot devolve that responsibility upon any system of Government that would violently be contested by important and formidable elements in Indian national life."

"The problem is one that only Indians could solve for themselves," said Mr. Amery and continued, "It is for them not only to get together with common goodwill for India and with a common desire to reconcile the collective interest of India with the safeguarding of their own interest but also to face the intellectual problem of finding a constitution by which that reconciliation can be effected.

"It is from the Indian side—from Indians to Indians—that the only effective 'new approach' can be made so far as the general constitutional position is concerned."

Dealing with the question as to whether the Indian Government has not already gone a long way to secure participation of all Indian parties, Mr. Amery said, "the Indian Government offered not only to give Indian political leaders an important share in the prosecution [illegible] war but also the [illegible] the creation of an [illegible] in which the solution of the Constitutional problem could be more hopefully approached. Considering the fact that we are engaged in a life-and-death struggle concerning the whole future of the world, it is surely going a long way for the British Government to be prepared so to enlarge the Executive Council as to make it predominantly Indian. It would hardly have been a practical proposition to change the whole basis of the Indian Government in the middle of a war and substitute an entirely new administration for that which is conducting war at present."

Referring to the suggestion of an enlarged Executive Council which in the present circumstances can only be responsible to His Majesty's Government Mr. Amery said. "on the other hand it is a mistake to assert, as have some Indian critics and some British critics, that an enlarged Executive Council would not continue to have the same collective responsibility as the present Executive Council or that its members would not have important administrative duties.

"It is in any case obvious, apart from any question of constitutional theory that in actual operation of such an executive would have carried great weight with His Majesty's Government and that an enlarged executive would have been a feature that once embarked upon would have been permanent.

"I still maintain that the offer is a generous and far-reaching one. It still remains open as the Viceroy has made plain in his recent statement to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce. The approach can come at any time now from the Indian side."

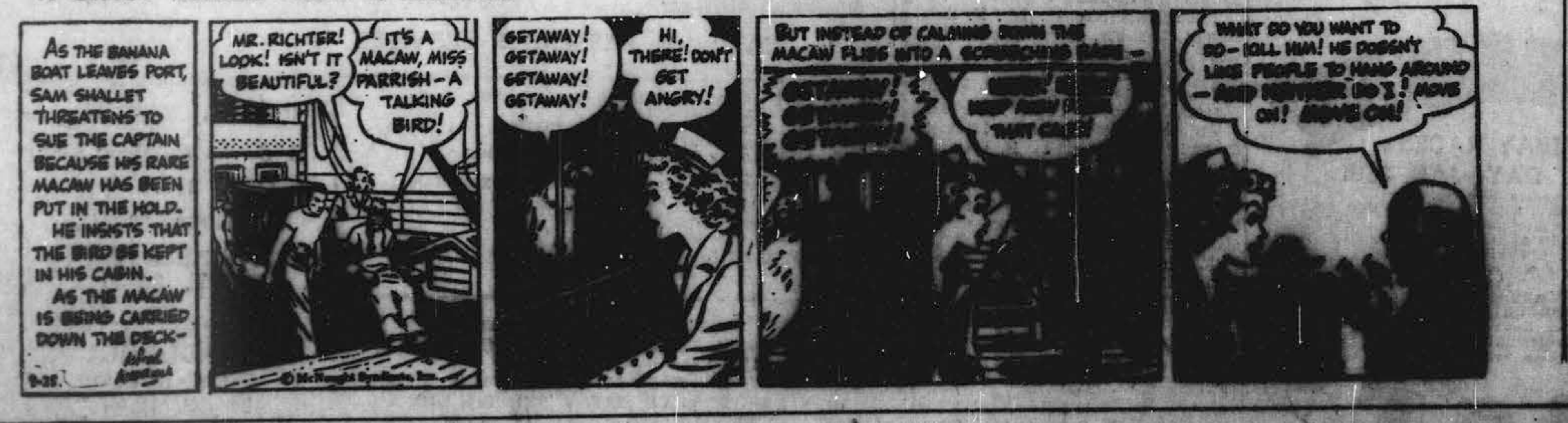
Need For Proper Perspective

Emphasising the importance at this moment of keeping constitutional and political issues in their proper perspective and asserting that all Indian political leaders are well aware of the fact that every hope they cherish would be crushed if Nazism and Fascism dominated the world and that they should remember the adage "First Things First," Mr. Amery concluded. "All these things are effective expression of India's rightful claim to a fuller national life. There can be no wrangling between Indians and the British over these practical steps taken towards the attainment, after the war, of that political goal. Upon essentials there is no disagreement".—Reuter.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

A GRUFF ORDER FROM A GROUCH

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY



AS THE BANANA BOAT LEAVES PORT, SAM SHALLET THREATENS TO SUE THE CAPTAIN BECAUSE HIS RARE MACAW HAS BEEN PUT IN THE HOLD. HE INSISTS THAT THE BIRD BE KEPT IN HIS CABIN. AS THE MACAW IS BEING CARRIED DOWN THE DECK-
9-25
MR. RICHTER! LOOK! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
IT'S A MACAW, MISS PARRISH—A TALKING BIRD!
© McNaught Syndicate, Inc.
GETAWAY! GETAWAY! GETAWAY! GETAWAY!
HI, THERE! DON'T GET ANGRY!
BUT INSTEAD OF CALMING DOWN THE MACAW FLIES INTO A SCREECHING RAGE—
GETAWAY! GETAWAY! GETAWAY!
THAT CAGE!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO—KILL HIM! HE DOESN'T LIKE PEOPLE TO HANG AROUND—AND NEITHER DO I! MOVE ON! MOVE ON!

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